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FILE SYSTEM UTILIZING  
METADATA TO TRACK  
INFORMATION ABOUT DATA  
STORED THROUGHOUT THE  
SYSTEM  
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**DECLARATION OF SUJAL M. PATEL PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.132**

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Dear Sir:

1. My name is Sujal M. Patel. I am one of the named inventors of the above-identified patent application.
2. I am also the Chief Technology Officer of Isilon Systems, Inc. ("Isilon"), the assignee of the above-identified patent application.
3. I co-founded Isilon in 2001 focusing on problems that customers had in effectively storing and managing rapidly growing stores of digital content. (See Exhibit 1 – "Isilon Introduces First Intelligent network Storage system Designed for the Explosion of Digital Video, Audio, Graphics and Images," Isilon Press Release (October 20, 2003) (attached hereto).)
4. Isilon worked to design and test an intelligent distributed storage system, and in 2003, Isilon released the first version of its Isilon IQ storage system. (See Exhibit 1 – "Isilon Introduces First Intelligent Network Storage System Designed for the Explosion of Digital Video, Audio, Graphics and Images," Isilon Press Release (October 20, 2003) (attached hereto).)

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5. Since its inception, Isilon has earned extensive commercial success growing its sales, market value and customer base.

a. From 2001 to 2006, the sales of the Isilon IQ storage system products escalated from \$0 to over \$62 million. (*See Exhibit 2 – “Isilon Systems Announces Financial Results for Fourth Quarter and Full Year 2006,” Isilon Press Release (February 7, 2007) (attached hereto).*)

b. Similarly, Isilon’s market value reached a peak value of over \$1.4 billion in December 2006. (*See Exhibit 3 – “Isilon soars in market debut,” Seattle Post-Intelligencer (December 16, 2006) (attached hereto).*)

c. In addition, Isilon’s customer base grew to over 370 customers worldwide in 2006. (*See Exhibit 2 – “Isilon Systems Announces Financial Results for Fourth Quarter and Full Year 2006,” Isilon Press Release (February 7, 2007) (attached hereto).*)

6. Isilon’s customers include many industry leading companies with large content storage needs such as NBC Universal, NASA, Research Channel, Linden Lab, XM Satellite Radio, LexisNexis, Discovery Communications Inc., Sony Pictures Imageworks, ABC, Sports Illustrated, Paramount Digital Entertainment, UCLA Laboratory of Neurological Imaging, the Dallas Cowboys, MySpace, and Eastman Kodak, Pratt and Whitney.

7. These customers have successfully used Isilon IQ for a variety of uses, including, for example:

- a. storage of digital content for the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens, Greece by NBC Universal and Sports Illustrated;
- b. storage of digital photos by Eastman Kodak;
- c. storage of music by XM Satellite Radio;
- d. storage of 3-D models, CAD, simulation, manufacturing schematics, and test data by Pratt and Whitney;
- e. storage of web page data by MySpace;
- f. storage of digital image data from Mars by the United States Geological Survey; and
- g. storage of clinical cancer research data by Cedar-Sinai Medical Center’s Louis Warchaw Prostate Cancer Center.

8. Moreover, Isilon has earned much acclaim from its own customers regarding Isilon IQ including, for example, the following:

a. "At Kodak EasyShare Gallery, our customers trust us to safeguard their pictures and we use Isilon IQ to help us do that. The simplicity and performance Isilon IQ offers is fantastic and it is a great tribute to Isilon's ease of use that we have added hundreds of terabytes of capacity while only adding one junior level administrator, which would not have been possible with our legacy systems." Sonja Erickson, VP of Technical Operations for Kodak EasyShare Gallery. (See Exhibit 4 – "Isilon Clustered Storage: Solutions for Internet/Web 2.0 Companies," Isilon Solution Brief (attached hereto).)

b. "Our workflow necessitates storage that can not only scale capacity and performance quickly and without any network interruption, but is also easy to manage. Isilon IQ delivered on all fronts." Tony Cole, Vice President of Engineering at Discovery Communications. (See Exhibit 5 – "Isilon Clustered Storage: Solutions for Media and Entertainment Companies," Isilon Solution Brief (attached hereto).)

c. "The Olympic Games are the single biggest event on earth, necessitating coverage that effectively captures the passion and unscripted drama of the Olympics to our millions of viewers. In order to deliver the unprecedented coverage of the Beijing Olympics, we need a storage solution that can reliably deliver unparalleled access to content for our broadcast team, both on-site in Beijing and at our multiple broadcast centers in the United States. Having used Isilon IQ for each of the past two Olympic Games, we know it will once again provide all we need to successfully execute our broadcast in Beijing." Craig Lau, VP of Technology, NBC Olympics. (See Exhibit 6 – "Isilon Systems Announces Multi-Year Agreement with NBC Universal," Isilon Press Release (April 16, 2007) (attached hereto).)

d. "Prior to Isilon, we had individual pockets of storage, no central management tools, and a lot of heartache and wasted people time from our administrators running around. Now we have a 10 terabyte Isilon IQ cluster that stores a range of digital content. The best part is it takes far less than one admin to manage it." James DeRoest, Director of Streaming Media Technologies, Research Channel. (See Exhibit 7 – "Isilon

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Clustered Storage: Solutions for Content Delivery and Telco Providers," Isilon Solution Brief (attached hereto).)

e. "As we advance our research by expanding the number of processors in our high-performance computing clusters, Isilon allows us to flexibly add performance, capacity or both in ways that are simply not possible with other storage technologies." Dr. David B. Agus, M.D., Research Director at the Cedars-Sinai Prostate Cancer Center. (See Exhibit 8 – "Cedars-Sinai: On the trail of a prostate cancer breakthrough," Isilon IQ Case Study (attached hereto).)

f. "New technology advancement used in the collection of seismic data for oil and gas exploration have enabled the creation of advanced 3D ad 4D models that have unprecedented levels of detail – a wealth of information that has overwhelmed our legacy storage systems. Isilon clustered storage has dramatically reduced the time and resources required to manage our data and has allowed us to refocus vital resources towards interpreting the data and delivering results to our management and partners." David Kirchhoff, Manager of Information Tech, Brigham. (See Exhibit 9 – "Isilon Clustered Storage: Solutions for Oil and Gas Companies," Isilon Solution Brief (attached hereto).)

g. "Isilon IQ has enabled us to streamline our testing analysis and appreciably reduce costs while maintaining our uncompromising commitment to safety and quality." Dr. Zbigniew Grabowski, Engineering IT Program Manager, Pratt and Whitney. (See Exhibit 10 – "Pratt & Whitney Advances Jet Engine Testing with Move to Clustered Storage," Isilon Press Release (October 3, 2005) (attached hereto).)

h. "With the advances in photographic telescopes and aerial cameras, the digital images we are able to capture with HiRISE are unique in their incredibly high resolution and complexity, thereby creating visual depictions of Mars in much greater detail – and file size – than ever before. We found that only Isilon clustered storage was capable of cost-effectively and efficiently storing this type of digital imaging data, as it delivers the unparalleled scalability of capacity and performance we require to store, process and analyze our valuable imagery of Mars and its terrain." Chris Bradshaw, Senior Engineer, USGS Astrogeology Research Program. (See Exhibit 11 – "Isilon

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Clustered Storage: Solutions for the Government," Isilon Solution Brief (attached hereto).)

9. In addition, Isilon has also received numerous awards for Isilon IQ including, for example, the following:

a. Isilon Systems was selected as a "Top Private Company" for 2003, 2004, and 2005 by AlwaysOn, based on its leadership and technology innovation in network storage. (See Exhibit 12 – "Isilon Named Top Private Company for Leadership and Innovation in Digital Content Storage," Isilon Press Release (July 14, 2003) (attached hereto); Exhibit 13 – "AlwaysOn Unveils The A0100 Winners Honoring the Best In Innovation," Isilon Press Release (July 6, 2004) (attached hereto); Exhibit 14 – "Isilon Named an AlwaysOn Top 100 Private Company," Isilon Press Release (June 28, 2005) (attached hereto).) AlwaysOn selected winners in part based on game-changing approaches and technologies that are likely to disrupt existing markets and entrenched players. In 2006, AlwaysOn selected Isilon as one of its "OnHollywood 100," honoring private companies that are redefining the way entertainment is created, distributed, and experienced. Isilon Systems was chosen from hundreds of companies as a top innovator in the "Devices, Components, and Infrastructures" sector. (See Exhibit 15 – "Isilon Systems Named to AlwaysOn OnHollywood 100," Isilon Press Release (May 16, 2006) (attached hereto).)

b. In 2004, the Isilon IQ storage system was awarded the "Most Promising Technology" by the WSA, Washington State's largest technology trade organization. WSA President and CEO, Kathy Wilcox, said, "Isilon IQ . . . fulfills a crucial and sizeable need in business today and takes an entirely new approach to address the huge wave of digitization that is going on everyday around us." (See Exhibit 16 – "Isilon IQ Named Most Promising New Technology," Isilon Press Release (February 27, 2004) (attached hereto).)

c. At the 2004 Storage Visions & Home Gateway Conference, the Isilon IQ storage system was selected as "Best Enterprise Class System" over traditional and next generation enterprise class storage products for its cost-effective, building block solution to resolving a major issue in content creation and document management – the exploding

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data storage problem as content is created and accessed throughout an organization. (See Exhibit 17 – “Isilon IQ Awarded Best Enterprise Class Storage System at Storage Visions 2004,” Isilon Press Release (January 7, 2004) (attached hereto).)

d. At the 11th annual NetWorld + Interop 2004 conference in Tokyo, Isilon IQ was selected as “Best of Show Product.” (See Exhibit 18 – “Isilon IQ Wins Best of Show Product Award at Networld+Interop 2004 Tokyo,” Isilon Press Release (July 6, 2004) (attached hereto).)

e. Isilon IQ was selected as “Best Complete Storage System” at the 10th annual 2004 Network Storage Conference in Monterey, California for its innovative clustered architecture and distributed file system. (See Exhibit 19 – “Isilon IQ Named Best Complete Storage System at the 2004 Network Storage Conference,” Isilon Press Release (March 11, 2004) (attached hereto).)

f. In October 2003, Enterprise Strategy Group (ESG) unveiled the results of their lab tests of the Isilon IQ clustered storage system. Tony Asaro, Senior Analyst and Lab Director, ESG, said: “After running Isilon products through three rigorous lab tests and interviewing a wide range of Isilon customers, ESG determined that Isilon truly has the potential to be the next ‘big thing’ in the storage industry. Isilon IQ has that ‘Aha!’ factor. It is so much better than previous generations of storage products that it has the potential to become pervasive, much like when CD’s made records obsolete.” (See Exhibit 20 – “Isilon Systems Demonstrates Market Momentum and Leadership in Clustered Storage,” Isilon Press Release (October 24, 2004) (attached hereto).) In ESG’s Isilon TrueScale Brief, Asaro commented: “[W]hen Isilon runs into the major incumbent storage companies, they rarely lose. That is because Isilon actually does have a solution that stands apart from traditional storage system products.” (See Exhibit 21 – “Isilon TrueScale: The Clustered Revolution Is Upon Us,” Enterprise Strategy Group – Report (March 2006) (attached hereto).)

g. Broadband-Testing Laboratories, Europe's foremost independent network testing facility, has honored Isilon IQ with its rarely-bestowed Gold Award. Steve Broadhead, Founder and Director of Broadband-Testing Laboratories said: “Isilon has made some very bold claims with respect to its clustered storage products – not least the

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idea of genuinely revolutionizing the ease and speed with which mass storage – over 500 Terabytes – can be added and managed thereafter. We have conducted rigorous testing and unanimously agree with their assertions.” (See Exhibit 22 – “Isilon Launches Next Generation Software for Clustered Storage; Enabling Enterprises to Transform Information into Breakthroughs,” Isilon Press Release (October 9, 2006) (attached hereto).)

h. TechTarget's Searchstorage.com and *Storage* magazine judged Isilon IQ as one of the top storage products released to market in the publications' 2005 “Products of the Year Awards.” Isilon IQ was awarded the silver award in the category of disk and disk subsystems. (See Exhibit 23 – “Isilon IQ Selected as a Product of the Year By Storage Magazine and Searchstorage.com,” Isilon Press Release (February 13, 2006) (attached hereto).)

i. In 2006, eWEEK, a Ziff Davis Media publication and one of the industry's leading enterprise IT magazines, named Isilon IQ as a winner in eWEEK's Sixth Annual Excellence Awards program. (See Exhibit 24 – “eWeek Names Isilon Systems a Winner of its Sixth Annual Excellence Awards,” Isilon Press Release (May 30, 2006) (attached hereto).)

j. In 2006, *Bio-IT World* selected Isilon as one of its “Bio-IT 50,” honoring the 50 companies with the most indispensable and enabling technologies for the life sciences field. Isilon was selected from hundreds of nominations by *Bio-IT World's* editors as one of the companies leading the continued drive to further biomedical research and drug discovery. (See Exhibit 25 – “Isilon Systems Selected As One of Bio-IT World's Bio-IT 50,” Isilon Press Release (May 16, 2006) (attached hereto).) Isilon IQ then was named “Best of Show” at the 2007 Bio-IT World Conference and Expo in the event's Information Technology (IT) Infrastructure category. (See Exhibit 26 – “Isilon Named Best of Show at Bio-IT World 2007,” Isilon Press Release (May 3, 2007) (attached hereto).)

k. Isilon IQ was named as “Best of FOSE 2007” in the storage award category. The GCN Best of FOSE Awards, selected by Government Computer News editors, highlight new and innovative technologies across a wide range of categories at

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the world's largest gathering of government IT professionals. (See Exhibit 27 – "Isilon Named Best of FOSE 2007," Isilon Press Release (March 23, 2007) (attached hereto).)

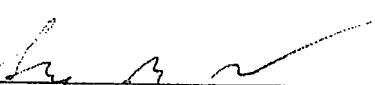
1. Gartner Research evaluated Isilon as a "cool vendor" in its "Cool Vendors in Storage Systems" 2007 report. Gartner emphasized the importance of storage stating that "Storage is playing an increasingly significant role in the overall IT costs, as more organizations are experiencing fast growth in storage capacity. How to manage storage in a more-cost-effective way has become a burning question for businesses of all sizes." (See Exhibit 28 – "Isilon Systems Named "Cool Vendor" by Leading Analyst Firm" Isilon Press Release (March 5, 2007) (attached hereto).)

10. The distributed storage structures claimed in independent Claims 1, 62, and 67, listed in Exhibit 28 (attached hereto), are the foundations from which Isilon IQ was built. I attribute a significant portion of the industry acclaim and commercial success received by Isilon IQ to these distributed storage structures.

I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful, false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or patent issuing therefrom.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: 7-16-07

By: 

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## EXHIBIT 1



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## Press Release Archive

### Press Release

#### **Isilon Introduces First Intelligent Network Storage System Designed for the Explosion of Digital Video, Audio, Graphics and Images**

***Paramount, Corbis, Digital FilmWorks, ResearchChannel, University  
of Washington Medical Center and Others Deploy Isilon IQ***

**SEATTLE, Wash. - October 20, 2003** - Isilon Systems®, a provider of intelligent storage systems that simplify the production, archiving and delivery of digital content, today introduced Isilon IQ, the world's first network storage system designed specifically for the exploding growth and unique storage requirements of digital content, such as video, audio, graphics, images and other large files.

Leading companies in media and entertainment, digital imaging, healthcare and research have purchased and deployed Isilon IQ, resulting in immediate storage efficiencies and cost savings unrealized before the availability of a storage system built specifically for digital content.

"Corbis holds the rights to license more than 70 million images that appear worldwide every day in advertising, newspapers, magazines and books," said Wayne Yerigan, VP and Chief Technology Architect for Corbis. "Isilon IQ has simplified our architecture and dramatically reduced our costs, enabling us to support the explosive growth of our digital content library."

Isilon IQ is the only network storage system designed to handle the expanding file formats and new distribution channels of digital content. The product was designed from the ground up for large files and combines intelligent software with Isilon's OneFS™, distributed file system, in a clustered, modular architecture based on industry standard hardware. The trend toward digitization of all content is driving customer adoption of Isilon IQ. In addition to Corbis, customers include:

- Paramount Digital Entertainment uses Isilon IQ to develop new digital media products and services from Paramount's television and film library of over 55,000 hours of programming.
- Digital FilmWorks uses Isilon IQ to create special effects for major motion pictures, which require a highly-reliable, multi-user storage solution across the content workflow.
- ResearchChannel uses Isilon IQ to store digitized scientific and medical research video and make streaming-on-demand video available to institutions and users over the Internet.
- UW Medical Center uses Isilon IQ to store large digital content files and make them

available to medical teams at Harborview Medical Center, Seattle Cancer Care Alliance and Children's Hospital.

"As a high performance, enterprise class system, Isilon IQ combines incredibly simple management on the front end, with tremendous performance on the back end that is evident from the moment a customer plugs it in and turns it on," said Steve Duplessie, Enterprise Storage Group founder and senior analyst. "At a time when disk-based storage costs are dramatically coming down and reference data usage is going up, Isilon has hit the epicenter of these trends with an impressive solution."

#### **A New and Focused Approach to Network Storage**

Isilon IQ is a complete storage system designed for enterprise data centers. Isilon IQ advantages come from its unique modular design and intelligence that lies in its OneFS distributed file system. Unlike any other file system, OneFS combines three layers of traditional storage architectures -- file system, volume manager and RAID -- into one layer, and creates a single, intelligent file system that is easy to manage and scale. Specific features include:

**Intelligence.** Isilon IQ uses smart software on top of its OneFS distributed file system, to enable the following:

- Single, Shared Pool of Storage -- Creates a single, shared pool of storage that can be used across the digital content workflow, and managed from a single point. Once a cluster is established, users can connect to any storage node and securely access all of the content within the cluster.
- Fast Access to Content -- A large, globally coherent memory cache and exclusive SmartRead algorithms optimize data layout on disk and intelligently predict and deliver file requests.
- Flexible Content Protection -- Exclusive FlexProtect feature lets administrators set file protection policies at the cluster, directory or file level, and change settings in real time.
- Self-healing, Self Managing -- Exclusive MediaScanner feature continuously performs proactive health checks of data, ensuring the long term integrity of digital content.

**Modular, Clustered Architecture** -- Each modular Isilon IQ node is a powerful storage server that contains 1.44 terabytes of disk capacity in a self-contained 2U box. Benefits include:

- Thirty-second Performance and Capacity Scaling -- Unparalleled ability to scale both capacity and performance in less than 30 seconds, with no downtime or application changes.
- Designed for Explosive Growth -- The architecture was built to scale to tens of gigabits per second of throughput and hundreds of terabytes of capacity.
- Automatic Content Migration -- As capacity is added, AutoBalance automatically migrates content to new storage nodes, in real time without manual user intervention.
- Pay as You Grow -- Enables customers to grow Isilon IQ clusters by simply adding new nodes to meet their additional capacity and throughput needs.

**Complete Solution** -- Isilon IQ integrates seamlessly into existing enterprise data center environments without proprietary installation requirements. Advantages include:

- Industry-standard Protocols -- Supports standard network protocols NFS, CIFS, HTTP, FTP; SNMP for management; standard network backup and restore; Windows, UNIX and Apple operating systems; Gigabit Ethernet; and Active Directory Support for Windows (ADS); NIS support for user/group authentication and security for UNIX.
- Inherent High-availability -- A modular, peer-based architecture ensures content is accessible in the case of a failed disk or node, without the need for a redundant storage server.
- Plug In and Store -- An Isilon IQ cluster is operational in minutes after installation, simply by plugging in power and Ethernet.
- Low Total Cost of Ownership -- A combination of Intel-based, industry standard hardware and smart software ensure lowest total cost.

"When we set out to develop Isilon IQ, we focused on the problems that customers had in effectively storing and managing rapidly growing stores of digital content," said Sujal Patel, founder and chief technology officer of Isilon Systems. "The result is a product that can be installed in less than ten minutes, scaled in less than 30 seconds and is a part-time job for someone to manage even a 100 terabytes."

#### **Availability and Support**

Isilon IQ is available immediately with entry prices starting at \$49,950 for a complete system, including all software and hardware. Isilon offers two comprehensive service and support plans, with 24x7x365 online and telephone support. Isilon is partnered with IBM Global Services to provide 4-hour onsite field service. ([See separate Isilon announcement today](#)).

#### **About Isilon Systems**

Isilon provides intelligent storage systems that simplify the production, archiving and delivery of digital content. The Seattle-based company was founded in January 2001 and is financed by Sequoia Capital, Atlas Venture, and Madrona Venture Group. Isilon's initial product is currently in use by a number of high-profile customers in the media and entertainment, content delivery, and digital imaging markets. For more information, please visit <http://www.isilon.com>.

#### **Appendix to Press Release**

##### **Customer Support for Isilon IQ**

"Isilon IQ is an ideal storage system for digital content and enables us to develop new digital media products and services that capitalize on Paramount's vast library of television and entertainment assets."

**-- David Baron, VP Production & Programming, Paramount Digital Entertainment**

"Isilon IQ gives us a flexible solution that meets our unique storage requirements for the production, content delivery and archiving of our vast library of digital assets. No other network storage solution meets these requirements and is as simple to set up and administer."

**-- Steve Huntley, Senior Technical Producer, Paramount Digital Entertainment**

"We digitize hundreds of Corbis's 70 million images every day, making storage a central and critical part of our IT infrastructure. Isilon IQ has greatly simplified our architecture, resulting in lower costs and decreased time to market. At Corbis, content is our business and we choose Isilon IQ to store it."

-- **Alex Taylor, Manager, Systems Engineering, Corbis**

"After an extensive evaluation, Digital FilmWorks selected Isilon IQ as its storage solution. It easily rose to the top of its class when pitted against other vendors. The reasons we selected Isilon IQ were many, including: variable RAID levels on the fly at the directory and file level, ease of adding additional storage, multi-OS support and Isilon's most excellent customer service. Isilon IQ allows us to streamline our workflow and provide our motion picture clients with faster service."

-- **Peter W. Moyer, Founder and President, Digital FilmWorks Inc.**

"Prior to Isilon, we had individual pockets of storage, no central management tools, a lot of headaches and a lot of wasted time from our administrators running around. Now we have a 10 terabyte Isilon IQ cluster that stores a range of digital content for Internet, standard television, HDTV and radio. The best part is it takes far less than one admin to manage it."

-- **James DeRoest, Director of Streaming Media Technologies, ResearchChannel**

"As the information technology provider for several leading hospitals, we can't afford to take risks with any products in our data center, especially our storage systems. Isilon IQ is a robust, secure storage product that requires minimal manual intervention, and I have peace of mind knowing Isilon's excellent customer support organization is always behind me if we ever need them."

-- **Fred Peet, Technical Manager, IT Services, Harborview Medical Center and University of Washington Medical Center**

#### **Analyst Support for Isilon IQ**

"Isilon Systems has delivered on its promise of a high-performance content storage system that businesses can leverage for better digital content management and performance. Isilon is gaining customer traction with its advanced platform, especially for customers with digital content storage requirements."

-- **Jamie Gruener, Senior Analyst, Yankee Group**

"Isilon is very perceptive in choosing a solution that fits well for their target market. Providing scalable network storage for high bandwidth requirements is a great idea and will give customers some new opportunities to consider. Isilon certainly has the correct focus on this market."

-- **David Hill, Vice President of Storage Research, Aberdeen Group**

"Isilon's intelligent, automated storage environment is purpose-built to support concurrent, sequential-read access to an active repository of large-sized files. It will benefit enterprises in industries whose processes and revenues are built around use of large files."

-- **Anne MacFarland, Director, The Clipper Group**

"Isilon IQ has a unique architecture that is a true distributed file system, allowing a single file image to grow transparently. This compelling capability allows customers to add more storage capacity and aggregate performance quickly and easily. Isilon IQ is well-suited for digital content applications and reference data since these environments require high performance, their capacity tends to grow rapidly, and simplified management is essential for the IT staff to keep up with demand."

-- **Tony Asaro, Project Manager and General Manager of ESG Lab**

"Isilon's focus on digital content is consistent with the deep knowledge their team possesses in this area. The issues with storing, managing and distributing digital content are substantial and I like the fact that their system is designed specifically for that purpose."

-- **Arun Taneja, The Taneja Group**

"Isilon IQ reduces the costs and increases the effectiveness of managing digital content files across the workflow. The Isilon distributed file system, will have a very positive impact on their customers' businesses, and will drive further content development and distribution opportunities. Isilon IQ will help companies build new revenue streams as the barriers of multiple DRM formats and distribution challenges are eliminated."

-- **Tom Coughlin, President, Coughlin Associates**

## EXHIBIT 2



*How breakthroughs begin.*

## Press Release

### ISILON SYSTEMS ANNOUNCES FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR FOURTH QUARTER AND FULL YEAR 2006

*Q4 Revenue Increases 137% Year-over-Year to \$20.7 Million;  
Full Year 2006 Revenue Increases 195% to \$62.3 Million*

**Seattle, WA - February 7, 2007** - Isilon® Systems, Inc. (Nasdaq: ISLN), the leader in clustered storage, today reported financial results for the fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 2006. Revenue for the fourth quarter was \$20.7 million, an increase of 137 percent from \$8.7 million in the fourth quarter of 2005, and an increase of 16 percent sequentially compared with \$17.8 million in the prior quarter. Revenue for the year ended December 31, 2006 was \$62.3 million, up 195 percent from \$21.1 million in 2005.

"Our strong fourth quarter performance caps another year of rapid top-line revenue growth, driven by record new customer acquisition and a high rate of repeat business from our existing customers," said Steve Goldman, president and chief executive officer. "This year we broadened our portfolio of clustered storage systems and software products, and our results demonstrate how our value proposition resonates with customers across a broad range of industries. In 2006, Isilon established itself and clustered storage as a compelling new alternative in the storage industry, providing solutions that address the unique challenges created by the exponential growth of digital content and that leverage the broad paradigm shift to clustered computing."

#### Fourth Quarter and 2006 Highlights

Isilon's focus on delivering clustered storage solutions that provide "pay-as-you-grow" scalability, ease-of-use and simplicity, and high levels of performance and reliability, resulted in a number of business highlights:

- Isilon acquired 88 new customers in the fourth quarter of 2006, nearly doubling the number acquired in the same quarter the prior year, resulting in a total customer base of 371. Year-over-year, Isilon increased the size of its customer base by 152 percent.
- Isilon generated more than half of its fourth quarter and full year revenue through reorders from existing customers.
- Isilon expanded gross margins to 54.2 percent in the fourth quarter of 2006, up from 51.7 percent in the same period of 2005, marking the fifth consecutive quarter of margin growth.
- Isilon continued to grow its reseller channel with 45 percent of sales in 2006 coming through the channel compared with 27 percent in 2005.

- Isilon further expanded geographically with international sales accounting for 24 percent of revenue in 2006 compared with 17 percent in 2005.
- Isilon introduced OneFS® 4.5, the latest version of its clustered operating system software, creating an innovative clustered storage system that delivers one Petabyte of capacity and 10 gigabytes per second of performance in a single file system and single volume. Additionally, Isilon was awarded a patent for core technology of its OneFS operating system.
- Isilon released SnapshotIQ™ and SmartConnect™, which, in addition to SyncIQ™, deliver a next-generation suite of clustered storage software applications for the enterprise. More than one in three new customers in the fourth quarter purchased one or more of Isilon's new software applications.
- Isilon began shipping the new Isilon IQ 200 clustered storage system, which combines the benefits of high-end enterprise clustered storage in an affordable and compact solution.
- Isilon successfully completed its initial public offering on December 20, 2006, raising \$105.7 million net of underwriting discounts, commissions and offering expenses.

### **Financial Summary**

In addition to disclosing financial measures prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), this press release and the accompanying tables contain non-GAAP financial measures. For a description of these non-GAAP financial measures, including the reasons why management uses each measure, the inherent limitations of non-GAAP measures and reconciliations to the most directly comparable GAAP financial measures, please see the section of the accompanying tables titled "Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures" as well as the related table that follows it.

- Net loss for the fourth quarter of 2006 was \$10.4 million, or \$0.72 per share, compared with net loss of \$4.1 million, or \$0.78 per share, in the same period of 2005. On a non-GAAP basis, net loss for the fourth quarter of 2006 was \$3.3 million, or \$0.06 per share, compared with net loss of \$4.1 million, or \$0.09 per share, in the same period of 2005.
- Net loss for 2006 was \$25.4 million, or \$3.02 per share, compared with net loss of \$19.2 million, or \$3.95 per share, in 2005. On a non-GAAP basis, net loss for 2006 was \$16.4 million, or \$0.33 per share, compared with net loss of \$19.1 million, or \$0.44 per share, in 2005.
- Loss from operations for the fourth quarter of 2006 was \$2.9 million compared with \$4.0 million in the same period of 2005. On a non-GAAP basis, loss from operations for the fourth quarter of 2006 was \$2.6 million compared with \$4.0 million in the same period of 2005.
- Loss from operations for 2006 was \$15.4 million compared with \$19.0 million in 2005. On a non-GAAP basis, loss from operations for 2006 was \$14.7 million compared with \$19.0 million in 2005.
- At December 31, 2006, deferred revenue was \$10.9 million, compared with \$3.1 million at the end of 2005; in the fourth quarter of 2006 inventory turns were 11, compared with 8 in the third quarter of 2006; in the fourth quarter of 2006 days sales outstanding (DSOs) were 106, compared with 97 in the third quarter of 2006.
- At December 31, 2006, cash and cash equivalents were \$99.9 million, including

proceeds from the December initial public offering, and the company had no outstanding debt.

### **Outlook**

Isilon expects total revenue for the first quarter of 2007 to be in the range of \$21.0 million to \$23.0 million. For the full year 2007, the company expects total revenue to be in the range of \$115 million to \$125 million. In 2007, the company expects operating expenses to continue to grow in absolute dollars as the company invests in its business, but to decrease as a percentage of total revenue. If revenue and operating expense expectations are met, Isilon expects to reach breakeven and profitability on a non-GAAP basis in the second half of 2007.

### **Conference Call**

Isilon management will host a conference call today at 2:00 p.m. PT (5:00 p.m. ET) to discuss Isilon's financial results for the fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 2006 and its business outlook. A live webcast of the conference call will be accessible on the Investor Relations section of Isilon's Web site at [www.isilon.com/company/](http://www.isilon.com/company/), where it will be archived for approximately 60 days.

A recording of the conference call will be available from approximately 5:00 p.m. PT (8:00 p.m. ET), February 7, 2007 to 9:00 p.m. PT (12:00 midnight ET), February 21, 2007. To listen to the recording, please dial 888-286-8010 (domestic) and 617-801-6888 (international); the passcode is 95791384.

### **About Isilon Systems**

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### **Safe Harbor Statement**

Statements contained in this press release that are not historical fact may be forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Such forward-looking statements may relate, among other things, to Isilon's position in the digital content storage market, our expected financial and operating results, our ability to build and grow Isilon, the benefits of our products and our ability to achieve our goals, plans and objectives. Such forward-looking statements do not constitute guarantees of future performance and are subject to a variety of risks and uncertainties that could cause our actual results to differ materially from those anticipated. These include, but are not limited to: our dependence on continued growth in the market for storage of digital content, increased competition, difficulties providing solutions that meet the needs of customers, poor product sales, difficulties in establishing and maintaining successful relationships with our distribution partners, long sales cycles, shortages or price fluctuations in our supply chain, our ability to protect our intellectual property rights, difficulty managing rapid growth and general political, economic and market conditions and events. Additional factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected or suggested in any forward-looking statements are contained in our recent filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including those factors discussed under the caption "Risk Factors" in such filings.

**Financial Tables Follow****Consolidated Statements of Operations****Consolidated Balance Sheets****Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows****Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures**

Isilon provides non-GAAP information to enhance investors' overall understanding of the company's current financial performance and the company's prospects for the future and to aid in comparing current operating results with those of past periods. The company believes the non-GAAP measures provide useful information to management and investors by excluding certain items that may not be indicative of Isilon's core operating results and business outlook.

This press release includes non-GAAP loss from operations, non-GAAP net loss, and non-GAAP loss per share. Non-GAAP loss from operations excludes charges related to stock-based compensation. Isilon excludes stock-based compensation expenses from its non-GAAP measures primarily because they are non-cash expenses that Isilon does not believe reflect core operating results. Stock-based compensation expense is dependent on a number of factors over which management has limited control and is not a factor management utilizes in operating the business. Isilon excludes warrant revaluation expenses from its non-GAAP measures because they are non-recurring, non-cash expenses that Isilon does not believe are reflective of core operating results. Upon the closing of Isilon's initial public offering, outstanding warrants were no longer subject to revaluation and their fair value was permanently reclassified to stockholders' equity. Isilon includes the effect of the conversion of convertible preferred shares into common shares as of the later of the beginning of the period or the date of issuance in non-GAAP basic and diluted weighted average shares outstanding used to calculate non-GAAP net loss per share. Isilon believes giving effect to the preferred stock conversion assists investors and management in assessing period over period results. The company's preferred shares were converted into common shares as of December 20, 2006, the closing day of its initial public offering.

These non-GAAP measures are not in accordance with, or an alternative for, measures prepared in accordance with GAAP and may be different from non-GAAP measures used by other companies. In addition, these non-GAAP measures are not based on any comprehensive set of accounting rules or principles. Isilon believes that non-GAAP measures have inherent limitations in that they do not reflect all of the amounts associated with Isilon's results of operations as determined in accordance with GAAP and that these measures should only be used to evaluate Isilon's results of operations in conjunction with the corresponding GAAP measures.

The table that follows provides a reconciliation of the most directly comparable GAAP measures to the non-GAAP measures used by management.

**Reconciliation of GAAP to non-GAAP results**

## EXHIBIT 3

## SEATTLE POST-INTELLIGENCER

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### Isilon soars in market debut

Digital storage company now valued at \$1.4 billion

*Saturday, December 16, 2006*

By JOHN COOK  
P-I REPORTER

Isilon Systems skyrocketed in its stock market debut Friday, with shares rising 77 percent in the best opening performance for a technology IPO in more than six years.

The Seattle digital storage company took off with a bang from the moment it started trading, with an opening price of \$25 per share. It peaked at \$27.45 -- more than double the \$13 offering price -- before settling down around \$23 per share for most of the day. It closed at \$23.10, giving the money-losing company a market value of \$1.4 billion.

The 246-person company, which helps customers such as Kodak, MySpace and NBC manage their digital storage needs, raised \$108 million through the public sale of stock. It initially was looking to pull in about \$80 million.

The sharp rise in the stock even surprised some Isilon executives who had gathered on the New York trading floor of Morgan Stanley, the company's principal underwriter. As the "ISLN" ticker symbol flickered across an electronic monitor, Isilon's senior director of marketing, Jay Wampold, said it "caused us to raise some eyebrows."

"There was a lot of interest and a lot of demand from Wall Street and I guess that played out today," said Wampold, who was calling from a flight between New York and Seattle.

Wampold, along with Chief Executive Steve Goldman, Chief Financial Officer Stu Fuhlendorf and Vice President of Marketing Brett Goodwin, were attempting to get back to Seattle to share the news with staffers. They planned to gather Friday night at a downtown restaurant.

About nine months ago, Isilon chose Dec. 15 as the date for its annual holiday party. Now, they will have more than one reason to celebrate.

"It should be fun," said Wampold, who declined to provide the location for the party. "I think the enthusiasm around the company is high and people are excited. We have worked hard to get to this point, and it is nice to see the financial markets recognize what we believe is a great opportunity."

Isilon's 77 percent gain was the biggest one day "pop" since Santa Clara, Calif.-based chip maker Transmeta posted a 115 percent gain in November 2000. It was also the first time that a Washington company had posted a first day gain of more than 75 percent since Bothell-based Eden Bioscience went public in September 2000.

Paul Bard, a vice president at Renaissance Capital's IPOHome, a Greenwich, Conn.-based research firm, said Isilon performed well because investors are once again looking for growth-oriented stocks.

With revenue jumping 248 percent to \$41 million during the first nine months of the year, Isilon certainly fits the profile of a growth company.

Bard said Isilon was a "hot deal" that was oversubscribed.

"It is certainly the best technology IPO since 2000, which is huge," Bard said. "We have really seen a renewed interest in technology IPOs over the last several months and I certainly believe that Isilon was helped by both Acme Packet and Riverbed. Those two companies, while they performed very well on the first day, have risen even further in the aftermarket."

But Bard also pointed out that Isilon did well because of a "strong product" in a market that is growing rapidly. Isilon competes against giants such as EMC, Network Appliance, IBM and Hewlett-Packard in an area known as "clustered storage."

Demand was so high for Isilon's shares that some brokerage houses couldn't get a piece of the action -- no matter how hard they tried. That was the case for McAdams Wright Ragen, which fielded a number of requests from people who wanted to invest at the \$13 offering price.

However, Cam Ragen, senior vice president at the Seattle investment firm, couldn't get shares even though he went to high school with Isilon's vice president of marketing. Morgan Stanley and the other underwriters decided to sell the shares by themselves, rather than allocate some to other brokerage firms.

That was another sign of the excitement around the deal. "You can't fault them for how it has reacted. It has been an impressive start," Ragen said. "The company is worth (more than) \$1 billion and has never made a dollar of profit in its life."

Isilon was attractive to investors, he said, because its revenue growth has been "exceedingly good" and it operates in the popular area of digital storage. For example, Isilon's technology is now used by MySpace to store millions of photos, images and digital videos on behalf of its members.

Ragen -- who tried to get shares since Isilon filed to go public in early September -- said he was evaluating whether to invest in Isilon at the current price.

"The business model is unproven at this point, so it will be tested here at that valuation," Ragen said. "It is a very high expectation for this company." He added that a number of investors called the office Friday asking to get shares, though call volume was similar to when other Pacific Northwest companies conduct IPOs.

None of Isilon's executives or venture backers -- including Atlas Venture, Madrona Venture Group, Sequoia Capital and Lehman Brothers -- sold shares during the public offering. They will be prevented from selling stock for 180 days, Bard said.

Still, with Isilon valued at \$1.4 billion and many of the venture capital firms investing for less than \$2 per share, they are poised to make big money.

The 24 percent stake of Atlas Venture, the company's largest shareholder, is now valued at \$336 million. Meanwhile, Sequoia Capital, the Silicon Valley powerhouse that has scored recent home runs with Google and YouTube, holds a 19 percent stake valued at \$266 million.

And Madrona, one of Isilon's earliest investors, now has a 16.5 percent stake of Isilon valued at \$224

million.

Matt McIlwain, a partner with the Seattle venture capital firm, said he was proud to have invested in the company's first round of financing in 2001. "We believe this successful IPO is a positive development for Isilon and the broader Seattle technology community," said McIlwain in an e-mail response.

Sujal Patel, the former RealNetworks manager who co-founded Isilon in 2001, holds 5 percent, which is now valued at \$70 million. The 32- year-old serves as Isilon's chief technology officer.

## **TOP FIRST-DAY**

### **IPO GAINS IN 2006**

**Nymex:** 125 percent

**Chipotle Mexican Grill:**

100 percent

**Isilon Systems:** 77.7 percent

**Acme Packet:** 67 percent

**Ehealth:** 64 percent

**Home Inns & Hotels:**

63 percent

**Riverbed Technology:**

57 percent

Source: Renaissance Capital's IPOHome

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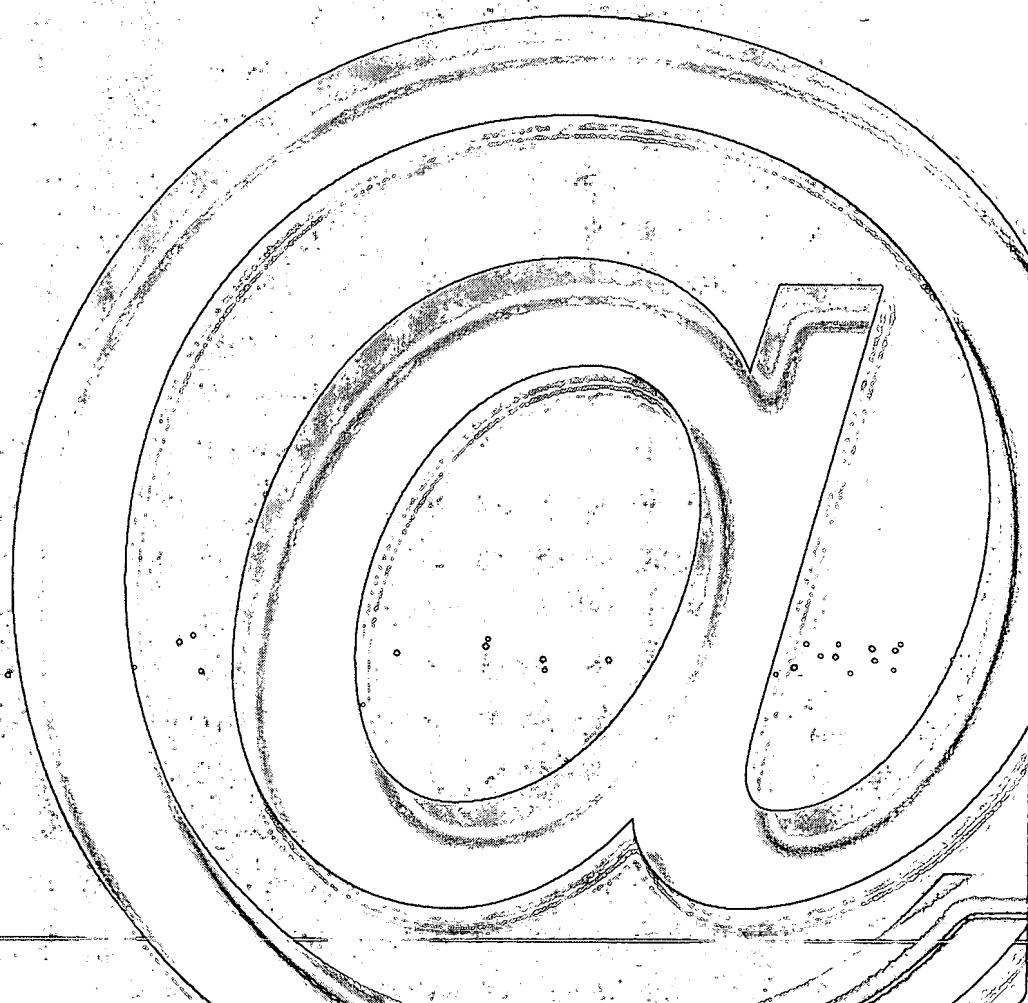
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Solution Brief

## Isilon Clustered Storage Solutions for Internet/Web 2.0 Companies



# Solutions for Internet/Web 2.0 Companies

## Isilon Clustered Storage: Providing Massive Scalability and Other Breakthroughs for Internet/Web 2.0 Companies

*The Internet/Web 2.0 digital data explosion is manifested not only in the immense size of unstructured files, but also by their graphically-rich, highly-interactive nature. The emergence of photo- and video-sharing sites and the creation of interactive communities and 3D virtual worlds all involve producing, storing, and accessing immense volumes of digital assets in the form of images, textures, audio, video, and other unstructured content.*

*Isilon IQ® clustered storage represents the core technology for storing and accessing the data assets of Internet/Web 2.0 companies. Combining Isilon's unique OneFS® operating system software with the latest advances in industry-standard hardware, Isilon delivers modular, pay-as-you-grow, enterprise-class storage systems — enabling companies to transform data into information, and information into breakthroughs.*

### Industry-Leading Scalability — up to 1PB in a Single File System

One significant challenge being faced today is the ability to support massive amounts of traffic generated by Internet/Web 2.0 companies, and seamlessly react and respond to increased user uploads and media streaming. Isilon IQ easily scales storage, unifying vital data into one file system, increasing the performance of applications, and reducing the time spent managing storage. Isilon IQ delivers industry-leading scalability — up to 96 nodes in a single cluster and up to 1 petabyte in a single file system.

### Performance To Support Interactive Data — up to 10 GB/second

Delivering rich interactive content is the real breakthrough of Internet/Web 2.0 — and Isilon is a critical under-the-hood component of this breakthrough. Isilon IQ® clustered storage scales from 4 terabytes to 1 petabyte and offers throughput of up to 10 GB/second — a powerful platform for the ever-expanding digital assets that are a hallmark of the next generation of Internet interactivity.

### Unmatched Reliability

Isilon IQ ensures that data is always available, easily withstanding the loss of multiple disks or entire nodes without users losing any content. With Isilon, all files are striped across multiple nodes within a cluster, and no single node stores 100% of any file. If a node fails, all other nodes in the cluster still deliver 100% of the files without interruption.

### Easy To Use, Easy To Manage

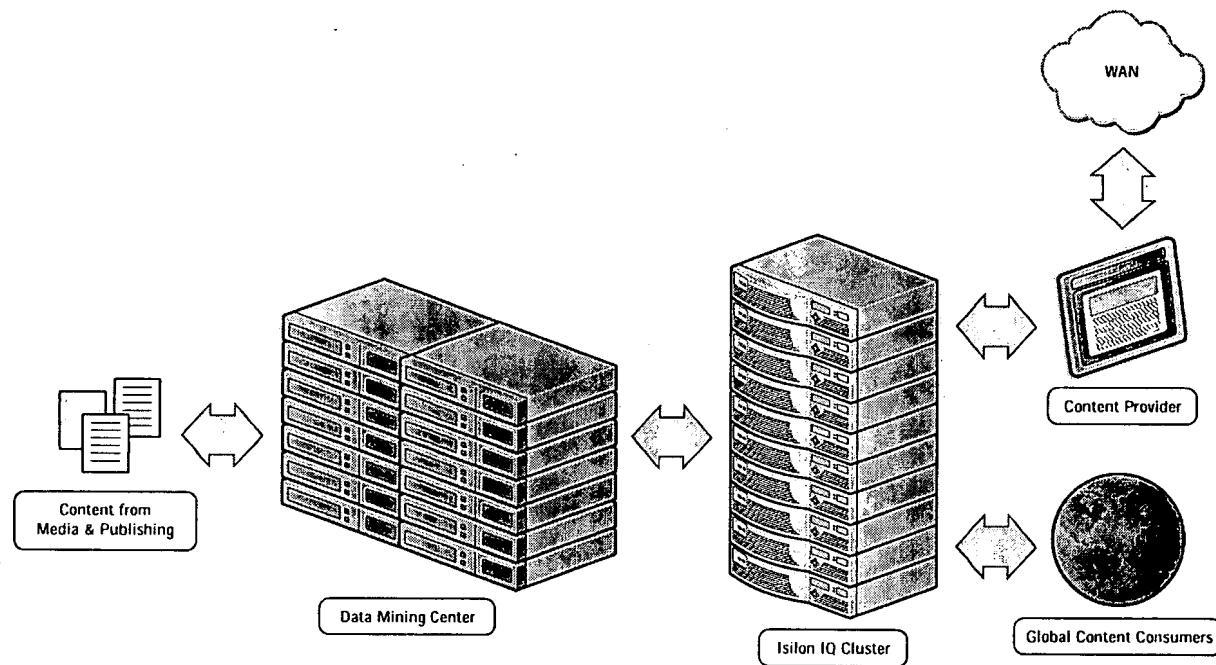
Many Internet/Web 2.0 companies operate a variety of IT operations outside of media content including email, instant messaging and blogging, among others, so they require a storage system that is not only highly scalable, but also very easy to manage and administer. With Isilon IQ, one person can now manage petabytes of data. Administrators can simply add another node to an Isilon cluster to increase throughput and performance. And as new nodes and capacity are added to a cluster, Isilon IQ's exclusive AutoBalance feature automatically balances data across all nodes in a cluster in real time, removing throughput bottlenecks, maximizing performance and storage utilization, and eliminating downtime.

### Easy To Grow, Easy To Own

The Isilon IQ clustered storage product line addresses a full spectrum of storage needs — from the highest performance Tier-1 applications to Tier-2 enterprise archive. Powered by OneFS, the Isilon IQ family of products creates a single pool of expandable storage that is easy to install and grow — once racked, a 10, 50 or 100+ terabyte cluster takes less than 10 minutes to configure and set up, and capacity can be added on the fly in as little as 60 seconds with no downtime. Isilon IQ enables customers to maximize their budgets by easily expanding storage on a modular "pay as you grow" basis.

### Breakthroughs Begin With Isilon

The Isilon product line is comprised of the Isilon IQ 200, 1920, 3000 and 6000 platform nodes, the Isilon EX 6000 and Isilon IQ Accelerator extension nodes, and licensable software applications such as SyncIQ®, SnapshotIQ™, MigrationIQ™ and SmartConnect™. This set of flexible and innovative products define new industry standards by delivering a single file system that scales to one petabyte of capacity, up to 10 GB/second of throughput and supports high-performance InfiniBand® for low-latency, high-bandwidth intracluster communication — providing companies in the Internet/Web 2.0 industry with the power to transform their critical digital assets into business breakthroughs.



## Customer Success

**Kodak EasyShare Gallery** Kodak EasyShare Gallery combines intelligent organization and sophisticated picture sharing into a single innovative online service. Kodak EasyShare Gallery selected Isilon IQ clustered storage systems to simplify their storage architecture and respond to their rapidly expanding customer base and ever growing image resolutions.

*"At Kodak EasyShare Gallery, our customers trust us to safeguard their pictures and we use Isilon IQ to help us do that. The simplicity and performance Isilon IQ offers is fantastic and it is a great tribute to Isilon's ease of use that we have added hundreds of terabytes of capacity while only adding one junior level administrator, which would not have been possible with our legacy systems."*

*Sonja Erickson, VP of Technical Operations for Kodak EasyShare Gallery*

**myspace.com** MySpace has grown to be one of the busiest sites on the Internet in just two years. Isilon IQ's modular clustered storage solutions support MySpace's huge volume of traffic, and allow it to easily respond to increased user uploads and media streaming. With 24x7 operations serving users across the globe, MySpace needs to modularly add capacity and performance with simple plug-and-play installation.

*"Our media delivery and storage needs are tripling every year and this presented a challenge for our traditional storage systems. Isilon IQ is a critical part of our infrastructure - the performance, scalability and cost savings we realize with Isilon IQ will help fuel the next wave of our development."*

*"Aber Whitcomb, CTO, MySpace*

### Isilon IQ Clustered Storage

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- First and only truly symmetrical clustered storage architecture
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- Industry leading high availability for clustered storage systems
- Powerful, easy-to-use web-based management
- 60-second scaling of both capacity and performance
- Built-in automatic application/client connection load balancing
- Industry-standard protocol support (NFS, CIFS, HTTP, FTP, NDMP, SNMP, LDAP, ADS, NIS)

Isilon also offers a robust suite of clustered storage software applications that optimize data protection and management:

#### SyncIQ®

Enterprises increasingly need to distribute large, mission-critical data sets to multiple shared storage systems and teams in multiple locations. SyncIQ replication software is the industry's only policy-based file replication system designed exclusively for clustered storage, combining a rich set of policies for creating and scheduling storage replication jobs with innovative bandwidth throttling and cluster utilization capabilities.

#### SnapshotIQ™

Isilon® Systems introduces a true breakthrough in snapshot technology that provides a uniquely simple, scalable and flexible way to enable enterprise-class protection and user-driven data recovery for clustered storage. With the ability to support an unlimited number of snapshots within a highly-scalable single pool of clustered storage and up to 1,024 snapshots within any single directory, SnapshotIQ represents a significant advancement over traditional snapshot technology.

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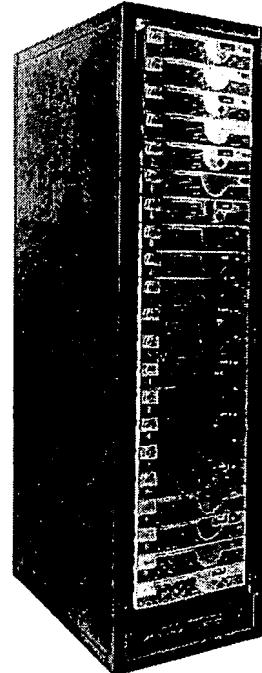
Isilon® Systems' exclusive MigrationIQ™ software application provides enterprises with the ability to automatically and easily migrate digital content between high-performance, Tier-1 clustered storage and high-capacity, Tier-2 nearline archive clustered storage, thereby streamlining workflows, optimizing storage resources and extracting maximum value from digital content assets at every point in the information lifecycle.

#### SmartConnect™

Isilon® Systems' exclusive SmartConnect software application allows IT Managers to meet the demands of an always-on, 24x7x365 world by ensuring the highest levels of performance and industry leading high availability. With intelligent client connection load balancing and failover support, SmartConnect represents a breakthrough in optimizing clustered storage performance and availability.

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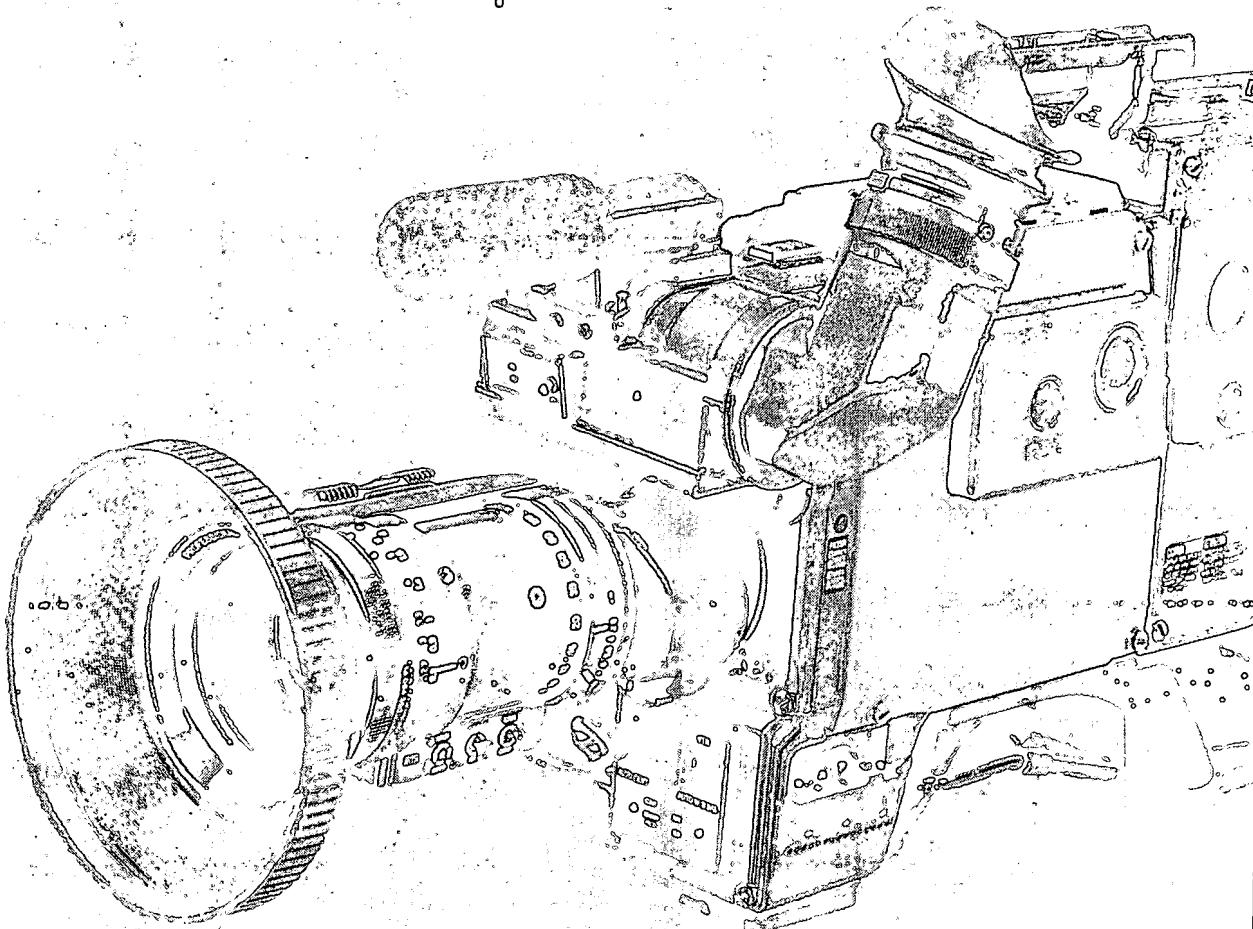
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Solution Brief

## Isilon Clustered Storage Solutions for Media & Entertainment Companies



# Solutions for Media & Entertainment Companies

## Isilon Clustered Storage: Accelerating Digital Workflows and Other Breakthroughs for Media and Entertainment Companies

*Media and Entertainment companies are undergoing one of the most significant transformations since the advent of broadcast television. Digital distribution, HD, VOD, and a range of new formats, outlets and consumption devices have combined to create significant new challenges and opportunities for companies involved in virtually every aspect of the media value chain. And in an industry where content is king, Isilon is producing a fundamental competitive advantage for media, entertainment and broadcast companies by enabling them to maximize the value of their critical digital assets.*

*Isilon's award-winning family of IQ clustered storage systems combines Isilon's unique OneFS® operating system software with the latest advances in industry-standard hardware to deliver modular, pay-as-you-grow, enterprise-class storage systems designed to address the massive storage needs of media and entertainment companies — enabling the transformation of digital media assets into new breakthroughs across media creation, management, delivery, and archiving.*

### Industry-Leading Scalability — up to 1PB in a Single File System

Many companies have attempted to meet their needs for creating, managing, and archiving unstructured data by extending traditional storage systems originally designed for structured transactional or text-based data. Even the newest NAS and SAN systems employ architectures with inherent limitations that lead to enormous management complexity due to "islands of storage", limited scalability, performance bottlenecks, poor availability, and high costs.

Isilon IQ® easily scales storage, unifying vital data into one file system, increasing the performance of applications, and reducing the time spent managing storage. Isilon IQ delivers industry-leading scalability — up to 96 nodes in a single cluster and up to 1 petabyte in a single file system.

### Powerful Performance — up to 10 GB/second

Adding Isilon IQ clustered storage as a near-line storage solution enables customers to achieve extremely high levels of performance, with up to 10 GB/second throughput. Isilon IQ accelerates the creation, management and delivery of assets by centralizing and simplifying the movement of digital media throughout the digital workflow process — from the highest performance Tier-1 applications to Tier-2 enterprise archive, disk-to-disk backup and disaster recovery.

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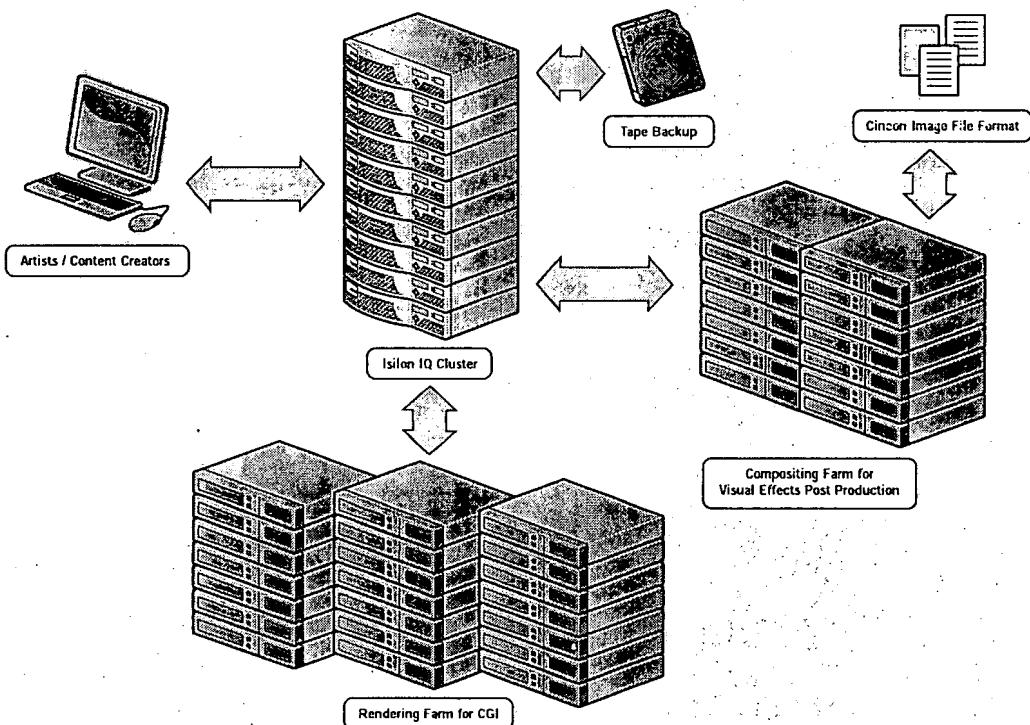
Isilon IQ represents a flexible solution that meets the unique storage requirements for the production, content delivery and archiving of vast libraries of digital assets. No other network storage solution meets these requirements and is as simple to set up and administer. What's more, as the cluster begins to fill up, administrators can simply add another node to increase capacity. Often, the new node can be brought online in as little as 60 seconds. With Isilon IQ, one person can now manage petabytes of data.

### Easy To Grow, Easy To Own

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## Customer Success



Following NBC's successful use of Isilon IQ for the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens and the 2006 Olympic Winter Games in Torino, NBC is storing the majority of the 2008 Beijing Games proxy and broadband content on Isilon clustered storage, providing NBC producers with unprecedented, highly reliable access to critical content for rapid review, identification and selection operations necessary to quickly produce and deliver groundbreaking coverage of the Beijing Olympics in the United States.

*"In order to deliver the unprecedented coverage of the Beijing Olympics, we need a storage solution that can reliably deliver unparalleled access to content for our broadcast team, both on-site in Beijing and at our multiple broadcast centers in the United States. Having used Isilon IQ for each of the past two Olympic Games, we know it will once again provide all we need to successfully execute our broadcast in Beijing."*

*Craig Lau, VP of Technology, NBC Olympics*



Discovery Communications, Inc. is using Isilon IQ clustered storage as a central repository for media content, which is delivered to more than 100 networks, reaching 1.5 billion cumulative subscribers in more than 170 countries and territories. With Isilon IQ, Discovery is able consolidate its video-on-demand (VOD) and DVD content, as well as content restored from its tape archive, into one, easily expandable pool of always-online

content storage, enabling instant, 24x7, configuration and delivery of media through its multiple distribution channels including broadcast, video-on-demand and the Internet.

*"As the number-one nonfiction media company in the world, Discovery Communications faces the ever-present challenge of managing and storing its vast library of digital media assets. The nature of our workflow necessitates storage that can not only scale capacity and performance quickly and without any network interruption; but is also easy to manage. Isilon IQ delivered on all fronts."*

*Tony Cole, Vice President, Engineering,  
Discovery Communications*



Paramount Digital Entertainment uses Isilon IQ as their primary networked storage to develop and bring to market new digital media products and services from Paramount Television's library of over 55,000 hours of programming, including hit shows like Cheers, Frasier, I Love Lucy, and the Star Trek franchise.

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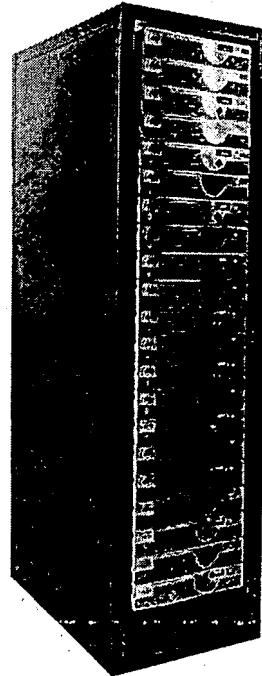
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## Press Release

### **Isilon Systems Announces Multi-Year Agreement With NBC Universal**

*NBC Universal Deploys Isilon IQ to Archive and Access Growing Stores of Digital Media During Period of Profound Change in Media and Entertainment Industry*

*NBC Deploys Isilon IQ as Part of Its Broadcast Infrastructure for the 2008 Olympic Games*

**SEATTLE, WA - April 16, 2007** - Isilon® Systems (Nasdaq: ISLN), the leader in clustered storage, today announced that NBC Universal, one of the world's leading media and entertainment companies, has chosen Isilon IQ to archive and access growing stores of media programming including entertainment TV and production, movies, news, and sports. Under the multi-year agreement with Isilon, NBC Universal plans to deploy multiple Petabytes of Isilon IQ clustered storage in its main production and broadcast operations to maximize the value of their media assets across NBC Universal's media properties. Isilon also announced today that NBC is deploying Isilon IQ to facilitate its coverage of the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing.

Additionally, Isilon announced today that NBC Olympics Vice President of Information Technology, Craig Lau, will deliver a main stage address at Storage Networking World (SNW) entitled, "Delivering the Unprecedented: How NBC Uses Clustered Storage To Help Transform Its Broadcast Coverage of the Olympic Games." NBC used Isilon IQ to create new breakthroughs in its coverage of the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens and the 2006 Olympic Winter Games in Torino.

"With the rapid move to digital media and broadband connections, the broadcast industry has forever changed," said David Evans, Director, Storage Solutions, Global Operations NBC Universal. "This shift in the broadcast paradigm - multiple distribution channels, formats, and consumption models - has resulted in massive increases in the amount and importance of archived media. It is not enough to simply store this content; it must also be always on-line and instantly accessible. Isilon IQ is uniquely architected to address the business needs of NBC Universal, enabling us to transform our digital media assets into new breakthroughs in the creation, management and delivery of high-quality programming."

Isilon is being deployed to complement and, in some cases, replace traditional tape based technology which allows for faster access times and increased reliability. With major deployments of Isilon IQ, NBC Universal's multiple broadcast and production units now have instant access to the vast libraries of media programming regardless of physical location, enabling NBC Universal to enhance live broadcasts or create new breakthroughs in the delivery of programming through NBC Universal's multiple media distribution networks.

Next summer in Beijing, NBC is primed to deliver the first-ever television broadcast of the Olympic Games available completely in High Definition. Following NBC's successful use of Isilon IQ for the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens and the 2006 Olympic Winter Games in Torino, NBC is storing the majority of the 2008 Beijing Games proxy and broadband content on Isilon clustered storage, providing NBC producers with unprecedented, highly reliable access to critical content for rapid review, identification and selection operations necessary to quickly produce and deliver groundbreaking coverage of Beijing Olympics in the United States.

"The Olympic Games are the single biggest event on earth, necessitating coverage that effectively captures the passion and unscripted drama of the Olympics to our millions of viewers," said Craig Lau, VP of Information Technology, NBC Olympics. "In order to deliver the unprecedented coverage of the Beijing Olympics, we need a storage solution that can reliably deliver unparalleled access to content for our broadcast team, both on-site in Beijing and at our multiple broadcast centers in the United States. Having used Isilon IQ for each of the past two Olympic Games, we know it will once again provide all we need to successfully execute our broadcast in Beijing."

"As the formats and delivery channels for media content continue to proliferate, so do the opportunities to maximize the value of these assets and create new revenue streams in parallel with the evolution of the media and entertainment delivery model," said Brett Goodwin, VP of Marketing & Business Development, Isilon Systems. "From traditional television broadcast and syndication, to High Definition and broadband delivery, NBC is a perfect example of how the shift to multiple delivery channels and digital formats can enable media and entertainment companies to maximize the value of their digital assets and grow their business."

Powered by OneFS®, Isilon IQ delivers the industry's first single file system that unifies and provides instant and ubiquitous access to the rapidly growing stores of digital content, eliminating the cost and complexity barriers of traditional storage architectures. OneFS is a unified operating system software layer that powers all of Isilon's award-winning IQ family of clustered storage systems including the Isilon IQ 200, 1920, 3000, 6000, Accelerator, and EX 6000. Isilon also provides a robust suite of software applications including SnapshotIQ™, SmartConnect™, MigrationIQ™ and SyncIQ™ that leverage OneFS and clustered storage, providing the highest levels of data protection and automated data management.

### **About NBC Olympics**

NBC, "America's Olympic Network," owns the exclusive U.S. media rights to the Olympic Games, television's most powerful property, through 2012, which includes Beijing, China in 2008, Vancouver in 2010 and London in 2012. In August 2008, NBC Universal will present the 2008 Olympic Games from Beijing, China (August 8-24, 2008). In August 2004, 203 million viewers watched as the networks of NBC Universal-NBC, MSNBC, CNBC, USA, Bravo, Telemundo, and NBC's HD affiliates-offered a record 1,210 hours of Olympic coverage from Athens.

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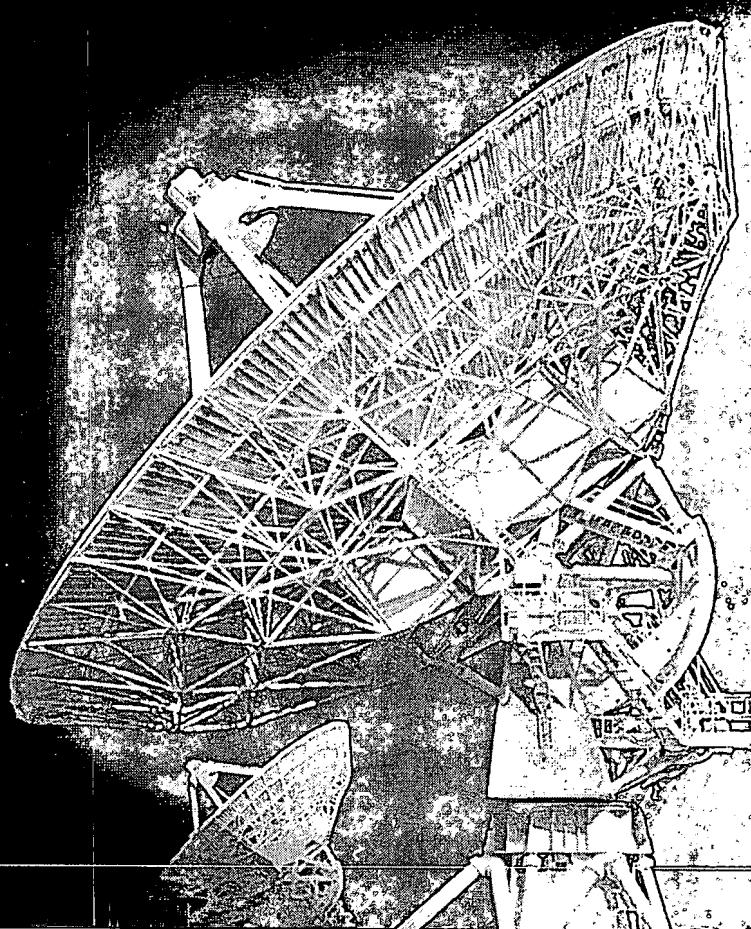
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Solution Brief

## Isilon Clustered Storage Solutions for Content Delivery & Telco Providers



# Solutions for Content Delivery & Telco Providers

## Isilon Clustered Storage: Performance Breakthroughs for Content Delivery and Telco Providers

*We see it around us everyday — an explosion of audio, video, multi-media and text-based data being delivered and consumed interactively across the Internet and other content distribution networks. For companies involved in the creation and delivery of this content, the difference between success and failure can hinge on their ability to effectively store and rapidly distribute content to end users and partner companies.*

*Isilon's award-winning family of IQ clustered storage systems combine Isilon's unique OneFS® operating system software with the latest advances in industry-standard hardware to deliver modular, pay-as-you-grow, enterprise-class storage systems — enabling CDNs and Telco Providers to transform data into information, and information into breakthroughs.*

### Industry Leading Scalability for Commercial CDNs — up to 1PB in a Single File System

Media and content delivery businesses are rushing to take advantage of a fresh appetite for high-quality content in a range of bit rates and formats. One-size-fits-all storage solutions are failing to address the unique needs of this unstructured data. What's required is guaranteed performance under heavy loads — as well as simplified scaling for growing data stores. Isilon IQ® was built from the ground up for industry-leading scalability, providing up to 96 nodes in a single cluster and up to 1 petabyte in a single file system — allowing content providers to easily meet the demand.

### Powerful Performance, Pinpoint Control

Adding Isilon IQ clustered storage as a near-line storage solution enables customers to achieve extremely high levels of performance, with up to 10 GB/second throughput. Isilon IQ clustered storage solutions also provide a single file system where all nodes are actively receiving and distributing content. This makes it exceptionally easy to throttle and scale performance as content delivery needs shift. Content providers can accommodate different customer quality of service standards by assigning 'zones' of bandwidth to different cluster nodes. As their content delivery needs grow, they can simply scale the job out over more nodes in the cluster to transfer files. As their content delivery needs shrink during off-peak hours, they can simply scale the job back and run transfers across fewer Isilon nodes, which can then be reassigned to other media projects.

### Unmatched Reliability, Better Quality of Service

Isilon IQ ensures that data is always available, easily withstanding the loss of multiple disks or entire nodes without users losing any content. With Isilon, all files are striped across multiple nodes within a cluster, and no single node stores 100% of any file. If a node fails, all other nodes in the cluster still deliver 100% of the files without interruption.

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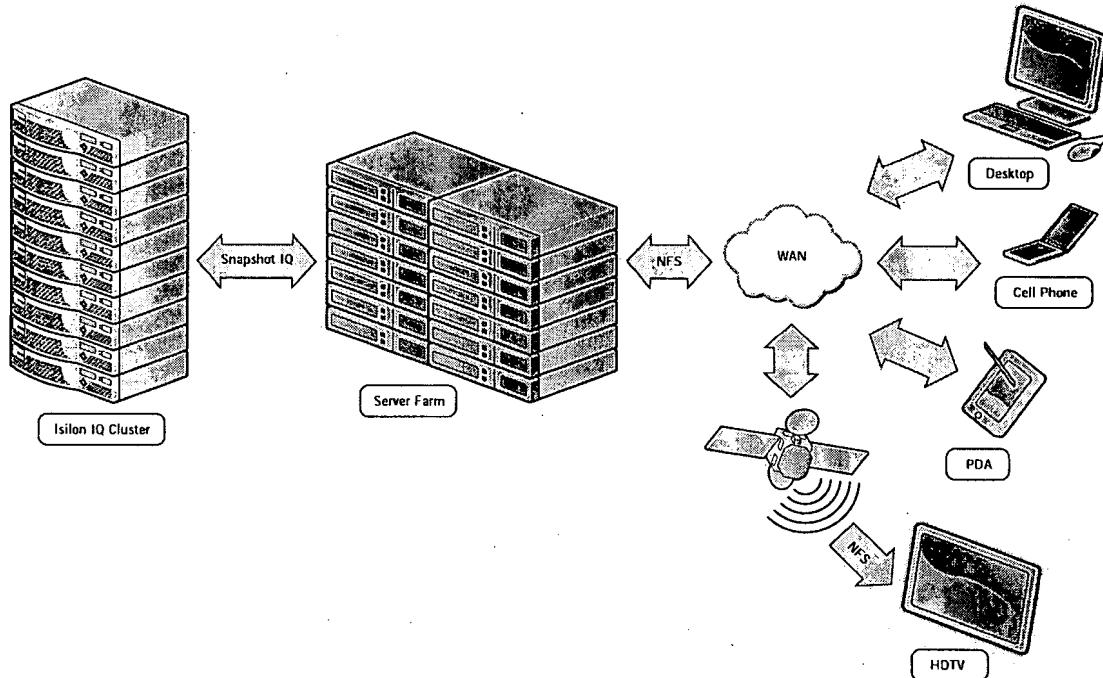
Isilon IQ represents a flexible solution that meets the unique storage requirements for the production, content delivery and archiving of vast libraries of digital assets. No other network storage solution meets these requirements and is as simple to set up and administer. What's more, as the cluster begins to fill up, administrators can simply add another node to increase capacity. Often, the new node can be brought online in as little as 60 seconds. With Isilon IQ, one person can now manage petabytes of data.

### Easy To Grow, Easy To Own

Isilon IQ combines a modular, self-contained system with a distributed, content-optimized file system to deliver unique features and functionality specifically for content delivery environments — from the highest performance Tier-1 applications to Tier 2 enterprise archive and disk-to-disk backup. Powered by OneFS, the Isilon IQ family of products creates a single pool of expandable storage that is easy to install and grow — once racked, a 10, 50 or 100+ terabyte cluster takes less than 10 minutes to configure and set up, and capacity can be added on the fly in less than 60 seconds with no downtime. Isilon IQ enables customers to maximize their budgets by easily expanding storage on a modular "pay as you grow" basis.

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## Customer Success



**ResearchChannel** Research Channel, a leading organization dedicated to digitally broadcasting scientific, medical and educational video to universities and corporations around the world, uses a 10 terabyte Isilon IQ cluster for delivery of streaming video programs over the Internet. Research Channel also uses Isilon IQ to store digital video for HDTV, digital cable, standard television and radio broadcasts.

*"Prior to Isilon, we had individual pockets of storage, no central management tools, and a lot of heartache and wasted people time from our administrators running around. Now we have a 10 terabyte Isilon IQ cluster that stores a range of digital content for Internet, standard television, HDTV and radio. The best part is it takes far less than one admin to manage it."*

James DeRoest, Director of Streaming Media Technologies, ResearchChannel



**Ascent Media** Ascent Media uses Isilon IQ clustered storage at its R!OT Santa Monica facility to provide some of the most technically advanced digital audio and video post production services for leading film studios, broadcasters and television producers.

*"Isilon IQ's scalability, simplicity of management and cost effectiveness all come together to provide a very compelling package, one that ensures painless deployment of NAS storage, with no compromise to performance."*

Phil Mendelson, Chief Technology Officer, Ascent Media Creative Services Group



**Clear Channel Communications, Inc.** (NYSE:CCU) has deployed Isilon IQ at multiple locations in North America and Europe as the primary storage platform for its radio station websites, creative services groups and corporate email archiving. Clear Channel, a global leader in media and entertainment, is using Isilon IQ and Isilon's SyncIQ™ replication software to streamline its file-based storage, power the 24x7 operation of more than 1,100 radio station websites, replicate files between multiple data centers in North America and Europe for disaster recovery purposes and archive its corporate email.

*"Given the global nature of our business, we are constantly looking for cost-effective methods to streamline our workflow and enhance the services we deliver. We are amazed by the simplicity and performance of Isilon IQ as well as the ease with which we are able to replicate files between data centers using SyncIQ. Isilon's products offer significant cost savings, allow us to add capacity without downtime and ultimately enable us to better concentrate on what matters most — delivering compelling programming to our hundreds of millions of listeners and viewers."*

Greg Robinson, Solution Architect for Clear Channel Communications

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*The evolution of storage is clustered storage built on a powerful, open operating system with unique software that lets you pay-as-you-grow. Visit [www.isilon.com/contact](http://www.isilon.com/contact) to get started — and see why clustered storage is paying off for some of the biggest and most respected names in the world.*

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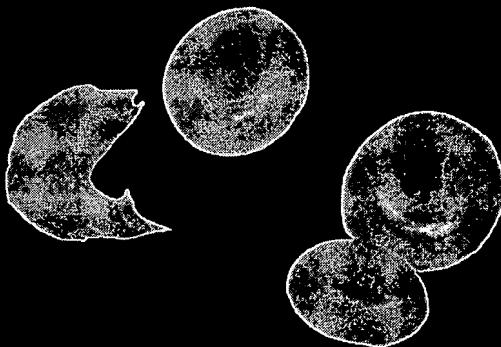


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## Isilon IQ Case Study

# Cedars-Sinai

On the trail of a prostate cancer breakthrough.



### Applications

Proteomics-based cancer research used to target and develop drug therapies for prostate cancer.

### Challenge

The researchers at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center's Louis Warschaw Center for Applied Molecular Medicine collect and analyze vast amounts of clinical and proteomic research data with the goals of better personalizing existing cancer therapies and developing new drug therapies. The Center for Applied Molecular Medicine required a highly scalable, high performance storage system that could easily store and provide instantaneous access to enormous repositories of proteomic data from tens of thousands to millions of patients.

### Isilon IQ Benefits

Cedars-Sinai Center for Applied Molecular Medicine evaluated Isilon IQ along with numerous other traditional and next-generation storage systems and selected Isilon IQ for its:

- Capability to meet tremendous storage and computational analysis needs
- Unparalleled ease of use and cost savings
- Mission-critical availability
- Unsurpassed scalability
- "Out-of-box" integration with custom and commercial analysis systems

### Isilon Clustered Storage Enables Cedars-Sinai to Perform Cutting-Edge Prostate Cancer and Proteomics Research

By blending state-of-the-art technology with cutting-edge research, the Cedars-Sinai Medical Center's Louis Warschaw Center for Applied Molecular Medicine aims to make life-prolonging contributions to one of the most common, and second most diagnosed types of cancer for men. By coupling Isilon IQ clustered storage with high performance computing and proteomic analyses, Cedars-Sinai researchers are collecting, analyzing and correlating troves of data with the intent of ending today's process of "best guess" medicine. With time of the essence and many of today's treatments effective for less than two percent of patients, the Center for Applied Molecular Medicine seeks to deterministically match patients with treatments that offer the best clinical outcome.

To carry out its mission, the Center for Applied Molecular Medicine uses Fourier transform mass spectrometers to analyze blood samples from tens of thousands, and one day millions, of patients; a proteomic analysis of a single drop of blood can generate more than 60 gigabytes of data. Within this data, they search for patterns of proteins that differentiate patients who respond to therapy, versus those who do not—a problem tantamount to looking for a proteomic needle in a haystack. Cedars-Sinai researchers use Isilon IQ in combination with high performance computing clusters to sort through, analyze and correlate their proteomic and clinical data to aid in the development of drug therapies and to apply current drugs to the patients who will benefit most.

After evaluating numerous storage products, Cedars-Sinai selected Isilon IQ because it offered the unparalleled ability to add data points to its studies while simultaneously keeping all information available for further analysis as patterns are detected. Isilon IQ clustered storage enables Cedars-Sinai's researchers to easily install, maintain and scale their storage and to accommodate adding more than one terabyte of new data per day. By offering unparalleled ease of use, the ability to add capacity and performance linearly or independently, and its seamless pay-as-you-grow expansion, Isilon IQ frees the Center for Applied Molecular Medicine's technical staff to focus on more important matters such as expanding their collection, refining their drug therapies and working towards treatments that save more lives.

*"Today, we are at an inflection point in the progress of cancer research. The advances in technology coupled with the sheer amount of data that we can effectively correlate for our studies enable us to find new ways to fight cancer. Isilon IQ clustered storage plays an important role in helping us to fulfill our mission and target our research so that, ultimately, we may impact peoples lives and treatments in positive ways."*

— Dr. David B. Agus, M.D., Research Director Cedars-Sinai Center for Applied Molecular Medicine

## Clustered Storage Helps Cedars-Sinai Focus on Finding Treatments

While the Cedars-Sinai Center for Applied Molecular Medicine's primary focus is to target therapies for prostate cancer, the clinical, research and technology innovations it develops could have far-reaching effects. Their research and genome-scale methodologies, coupled with the emergence of comprehensive digital patient records, have the potential to benefit other medical research. With its data reliably stored on Isilon IQ, Cedars-Sinai researchers are able to continuously expand their studies so that they can find new ways to leverage their existing data using high-performance computational analysis. These data repositories, which are greatly expanding due to the emerging trend of standardized medical records, promise to vastly increase the information that can be leveraged for life-saving research initiatives.

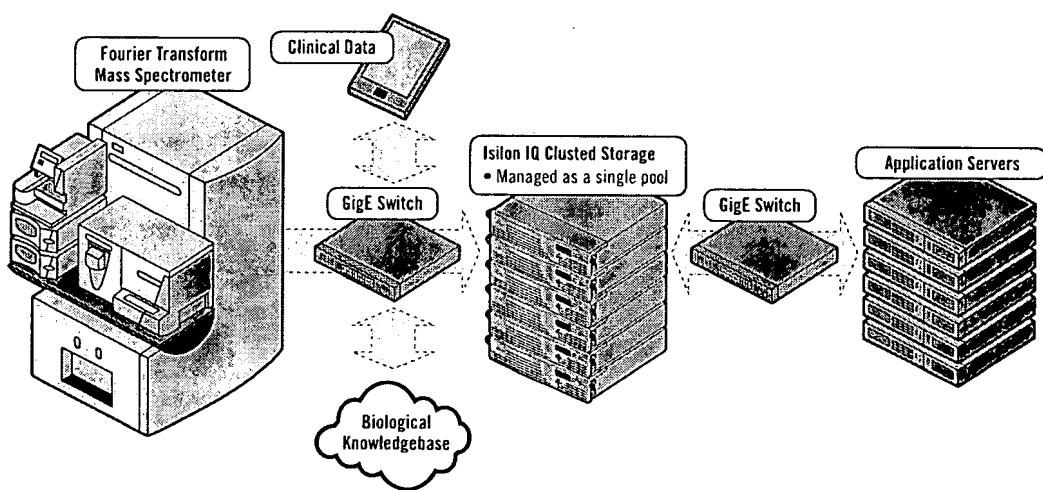
"Isilon's clustered storage architecture allows us to meet our most demanding performance requirements, while scaling in a modular and highly cost-effective manner," said Parag Mallick, Director of Proteomics for Cedars-Sinai Center for Applied Molecular Medicine.

*"Isilon IQ clustered storage is very easy to manage and its scalability enables us to continually add new data points to our studies. The more targeted our research is the more lives we may ultimately be able to impact in positive ways."*

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"As we advance our research by expanding the number of processors in our high-performance computing clusters, Isilon allows us to flexibly add performance, capacity or both in ways that are simply not possible with other storage technologies."

Isilon IQ clustered storage is ideal for storing Cedars-Sinai's research data because it can modularly scale to more than 528 terabytes in a single file system and provides researchers and analysis applications with high throughput access to a single pool of file-based storage. In addition, Isilon's OneFS® operating system software with TrueScale™ technology enables the Center for Applied Molecular Medicine to add Isilon IQ nodes, Isilon IQ Accelerator or EX extension nodes to increase the capacity and/or performance of their clustered storage system to meet their changing research and computational requirements.



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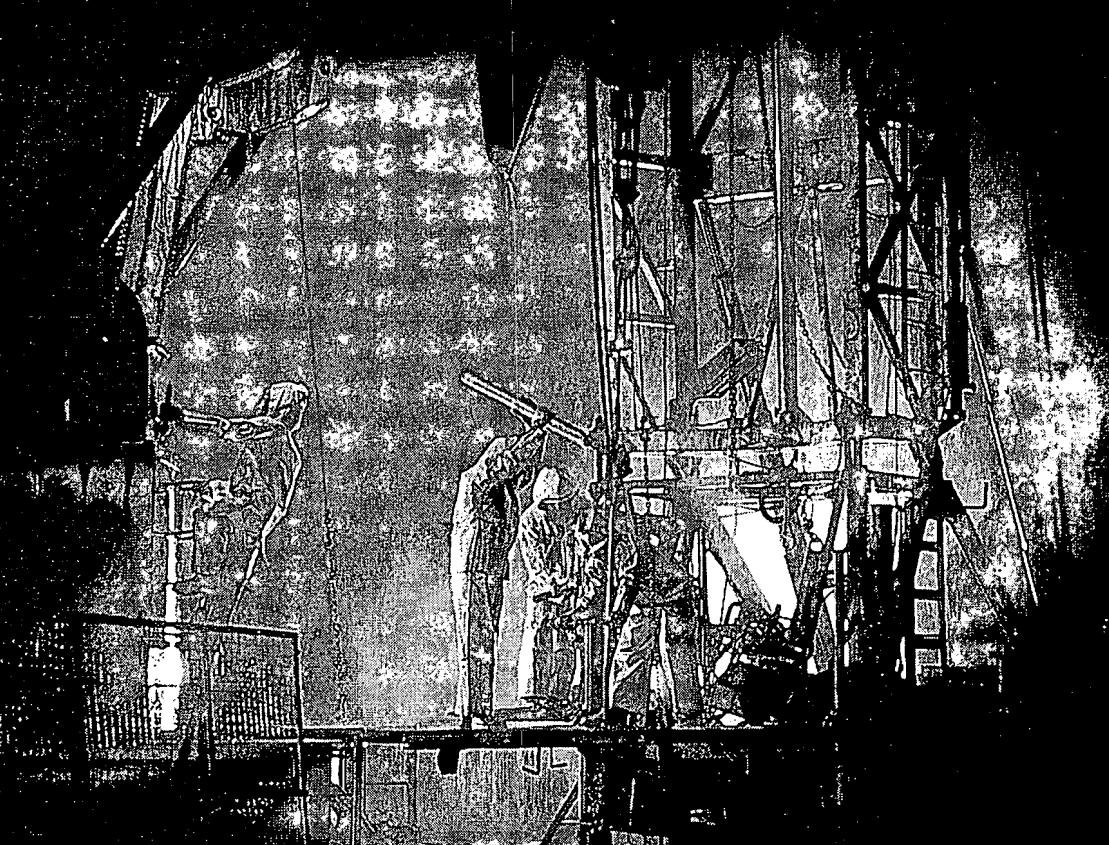
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Solution Brief

## Isilon Clustered Storage Solutions for Oil & Gas Companies



# Solutions for Oil & Gas Companies

## Isilon Clustered Storage: Speeding Data Acquisition and Analysis for Oil and Gas Companies

*Upstream oil and gas exploration, production, and seismic data acquisition along with downstream management and delivery of that data is placing an enormous burden on traditional storage systems. This is most evident in 3-D and 4-D seismic imaging techniques that provide a better view of drilling locales — but often bring along huge datasets that can cause performance bottlenecks across the network.*

*Isilon IQ® clustered storage solutions are designed to meet these increasing storage demands while ensuring that datasets are highly accessible, protected and useful for business. Isilon's award-winning family of IQ clustered storage systems combines Isilon's unique OneFS® operating system software with the latest advances in industry-standard hardware and a robust suite of clustered storage software applications to deliver modular, pay-as-you-grow, enterprise-class storage systems — enabling companies in the oil and gas industry to transform data into information, and information into breakthroughs.*

### Industry-Leading Scalability for Seismic Data — up to 1 PB in a Single File System

New technology advancements used in the collection of seismic data for oil and gas exploration enable the creation of advanced 3-D and 4-D models. However, this unprecedented level of detail can quickly overwhelm legacy storage systems. Isilon IQ easily scales storage, unifying vital seismic data into one file system, increasing the performance of seismic applications, and reducing the time spent managing storage. Isilon IQ delivers industry-leading scalability — up to 96 nodes in a single cluster and up to 1 PB in a single file system.

### Powerful Performance — up to 10 GB/second

No matter whether it's upstream seismic data or downstream ERP, Isilon IQ delivers instant, reliable and unfettered access to massive amounts of data while providing up to 10 GB/second of throughput. Isilon IQ can deliver 4 to 8 times more throughput than traditional storage systems, accelerating data access for multiple projects and multiple users and groups.

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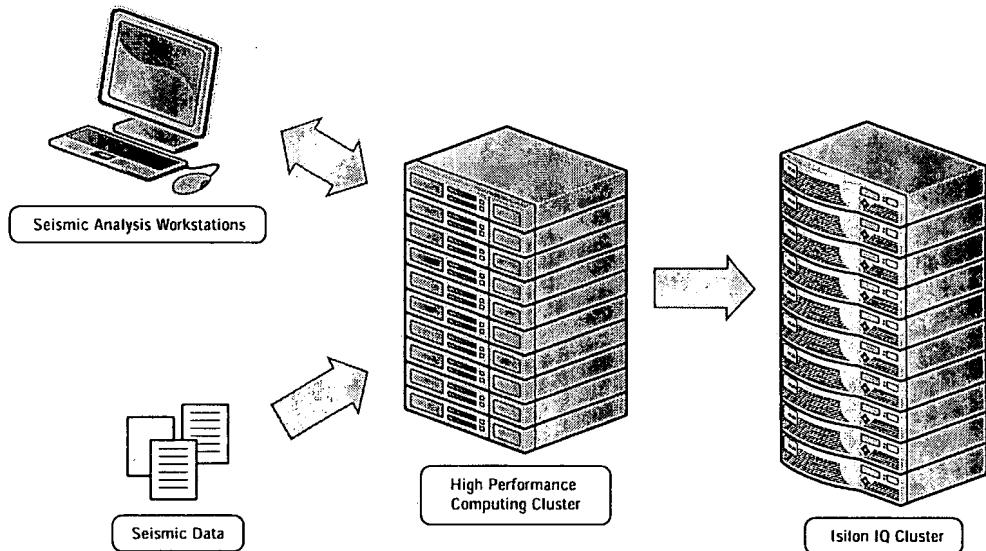
One seismic survey can easily produce several terabytes of data. Isilon IQ clustered storage — a unique appliance platform with proprietary software — unifies vast libraries of seismic data into one easily scalable, easily accessible shared pool of data. Isilon IQ clustered storage dramatically reduces the time and resources required to manage data — allowing companies to refocus vital resources towards interpreting the data and delivering results to management, partners and customers. With Isilon IQ clustering, one person can now manage petabytes of data derived from seismic studies — representing an incredible leap in efficiency.

### Easy To Grow, Easy To Own

The Isilon IQ clustered storage product line addresses the oil and gas industry's full spectrum of storage needs — from the highest performance Tier-1 applications to Tier-2 enterprise archive, disk-to-disk backup and disaster recovery. Powered by OneFS, the Isilon IQ family of products creates a single pool of expandable storage that is easy to install and grow — once racked, a 10, 50 or 100+ terabyte cluster takes less than 10 minutes to configure and set up, and capacity can be added on the fly in less than 60 seconds with no downtime. Isilon IQ enables customers to maximize their budgets by easily expanding storage on a modular "pay as you grow" basis.

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## Customer Success



Brigham Exploration is a pioneer in the field of data interpretation used to help discover oil and gas reserves. Brigham uses Isilon IQ clustered storage to unify its vast libraries of seismic data into one, easily scalable and shared pool of data. By combining Isilon IQ with its Schlumberger GeoFrame seismic data interpretation application, Brigham Exploration is able to significantly reduce costs, increase productivity and provide its users and high-performance applications with instant and unfettered access to massive amounts of seismic data.

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*David Kirchhoff, Manager of Information Technology  
for Brigham Exploration*

**arcis** Arcis Corporation, a leading provider of seismic processing for oil and gas industry, is leveraging Isilon clustered storage to achieve an amazing 10-fold increase in the delivery of seismic data and services in oil and gas exploration. Using Isilon IQ, powered by Isilon's OneFS® operating

system software, Arcis has unified its vast stores of seismic data into one, easily scalable and shared pool of data that for the first time meets the extreme concurrent data performance requirements of its 850-node clustered computing server farm.

*"In the ever-intensifying and expanding search to discover new, extractable sources of oil and gas, rapid and accurate analysis of seismic data is the key to gaining a competitive advantage in this high-stakes race and feeding massive consumer demand. In order to maximize the value of our vast library of seismic data and deliver the deepest and most accurate analysis possible to our customers, we require storage with unparalleled concurrent performance, ease of use, simplicity and scalability. Isilon IQ delivered as advertised."*

*Rob Howey, Senior VP, Arcis Corporation*



Kelman Technologies Inc., is a publicly traded Canadian technology company listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the trading symbol KTI with offices in Calgary, Houston, Oklahoma City, Denver and Toronto. KTI provides client companies from 45 countries around the world with a full suite of technology solutions in seismic processing and online data archival and data management services.

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*Brad Stephens, Manager of IT Infrastructure  
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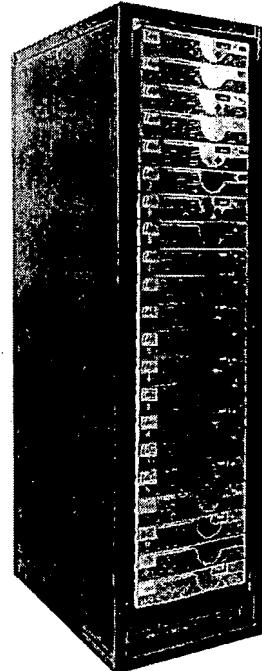
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## Press Release

### PRATT & WHITNEY ADVANCES JET ENGINE TESTING WITH MOVE TO CLUSTERED STORAGE

***Switch to Isilon IQ and 100 Percent Online Digital Workflow Enables Leading Aerospace Manufacturer to Reduce Testing Cycles While Enjoying Significant Cost Savings***

**SEATTLE, WA - October 3, 2005**

Isilon® Systems, the leader in clustered storage, today announced that Pratt & Whitney, a United Technologies Company (NYSE: UTX) and global leader in the design, manufacturing and support of aircraft engines, gas turbines and space propulsion systems, has selected Isilon IQ clustered storage as the primary storage system for its gas turbine engine test facilities. The switch to Isilon IQ clustered storage, which is fully integrated with its new asset management system, has enabled Pratt & Whitney to enjoy significant increases in productivity and collaboration. By unifying the test results from previously disparate data sources into one large single pool of storage, Isilon clustered storage has enabled Pratt & Whitney to greatly improve the efficiency, speed and cost of its engine test operations.

"The use of clustered storage produces meaningful improvements in our jet engine testing," said Dr. Zbigniew Grabowski, engineering information technology program manager for Pratt & Whitney. "Isilon IQ has enabled us to streamline our testing analysis and appreciably reduce costs while maintaining our uncompromising commitment to safety and quality."

To bring its products to market and achieve certification with a myriad of government agencies, Pratt & Whitney conducts exhaustive engine tests, which generate many terabytes of engine test data each year. Due to the extremely high bandwidth requirements of its tests, which can record more than 100,000 samples per second, Pratt & Whitney previously used a custom aeronautical storage system, but one that proved to be difficult to manage and did not provide file-based access to its datasets. The switch to Isilon IQ clustered storage enabled Pratt & Whitney to eliminate multiple islands of storage, collect and store its engine test data on one unified system, and provide extremely fast, file-based access to all data for its engineers and analysis applications.

"Pratt and Whitney's use of clustered storage for their zero-tolerance engine testing programs is a significant milestone for the broad adoption of clustered storage," said Brett Goodwin, vice president of marketing and business development for Isilon Systems. "Isilon IQ clustered storage was built from the ground up for mission-critical unstructured data and was designed to enable companies like Pratt and Whitney to accelerate their manufacturing testing workflow and lower costs."

A pioneer in flight and aerospace technology, celebrating its 80th year, Pratt & Whitney engines power nearly half the world's commercial fleet - every few seconds, more than 20,000 times a day, a Pratt & Whitney-powered airliner takes flight somewhere in the world. Pratt & Whitney is currently developing the GP7000 engine for the 555 passenger Airbus A380, as well as providing military power for twenty-seven countries' front line military fighters, including the F-15, F-16, F/A-22 Raptor and the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter. As a global leader in manufacturing, Pratt & Whitney has representatives in 76 cities and 47 nations that support about 16,000 commercial engines and nearly 11,000 military engines. Pratt & Whitney is a division of United Technologies Corporation, a company whose stock is one of the 30 which comprise the Dow Jones Industrial Average.

Isilon IQ and the OneFS™ distributed file system seamlessly integrated with Pratt & Whitney's existing applications and infrastructure. By creating a single pool of networked storage, which can be seamlessly grown to more than 160 Terabytes in a single file system, Isilon IQ linearly scales capacity and performance in less than 60 seconds and allows Pratt & Whitney to rapidly expand its storage environment without system downtime.

Isilon recently announced the next generation of its award-winning Isilon IQ family of clustered storage systems - the Isilon IQ 1920, 3000 and 4800 - which are powered by the latest version of Isilon's award-winning OneFS™ distributed file system software and use high speed, low-latency InfiniBand for intracluster communication.

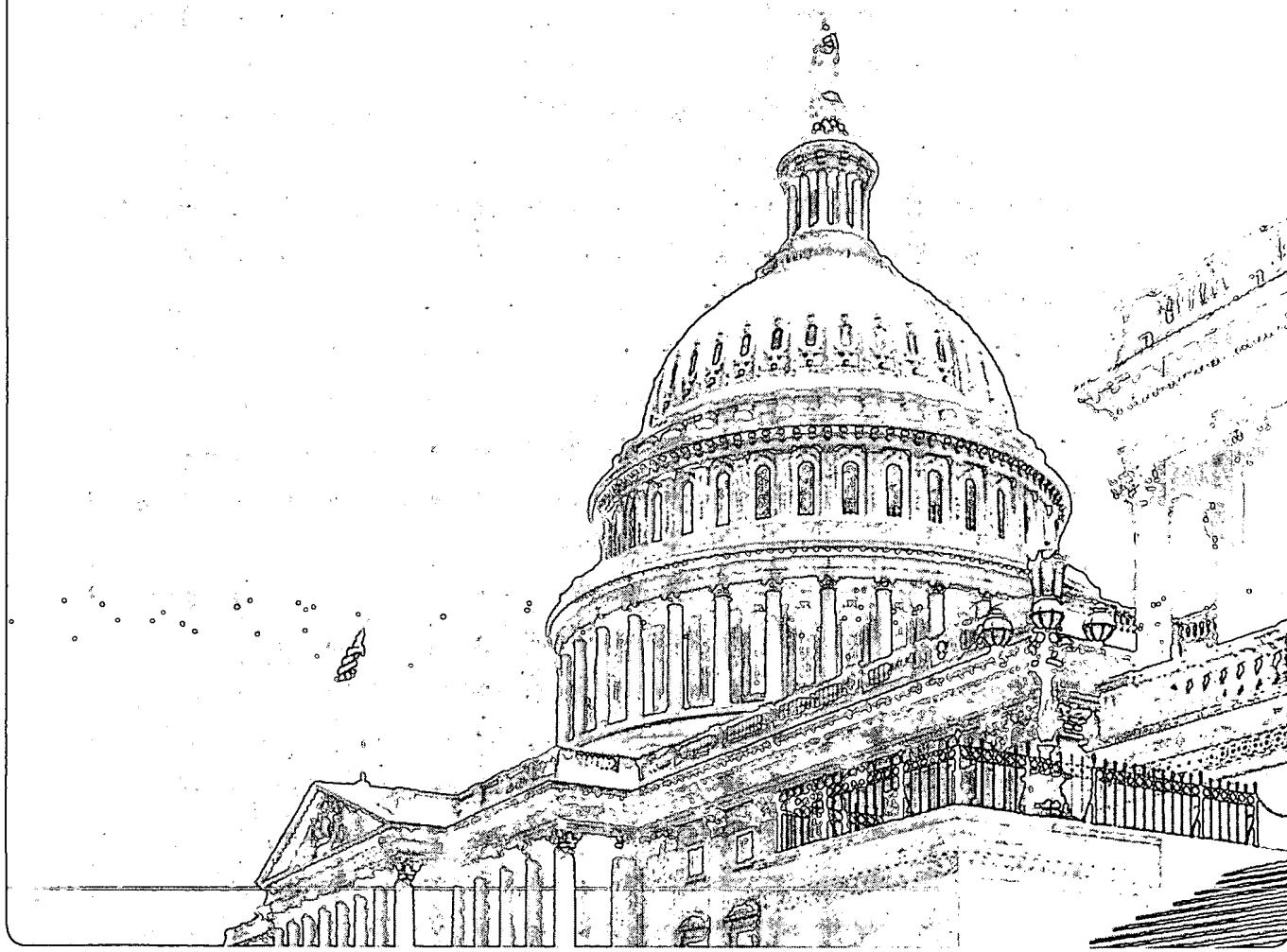
## **About Isilon Systems**

Isilon is the leader in clustered storage. Isilon's award-winning family of Isilon IQ products consists of high-performance clustered storage systems that combine an intelligent distributed file system with modular industry-standard hardware to deliver unmatched simplicity and scalability. Isilon IQ was designed for unstructured data and for use in data-intensive markets such as media and entertainment, digital imaging, life sciences, oil and gas and government. The Seattle-based company is financed by Lehman Brothers Venture Partners, Sequoia Capital, Atlas Venture, Madrona Venture Group and Focus Ventures. For more information, please visit: <http://www.isilon.com>.

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## EXHIBIT 11

## Isilon Clustered Storage Solutions for the Government



# Solutions for the Government

## Isilon Clustered Storage: Enabling Breakthroughs for the Government

*Government agencies continue to address many of the nation's most pressing problems, including homeland security, global climate change and environmental science. Toward those ends, the ability to acquire, process and generate large amounts of data is placing increasingly strenuous demands on existing storage architectures. Isilon IQ delivers the industry's first single file system that unifies and provides instant and ubiquitous access to the rapidly growing stores of unstructured content that agencies collect and disseminate, eliminating the cost and greatly reducing the complexity barriers of traditional storage architectures.*

*Based on Isilon's unique OneFS® operating system software with the latest advances in industry-standard hardware, Isilon IQ delivers modular, pay-as-you-grow, enterprise-class storage systems — enabling Government agencies to transform data into information, and information into breakthroughs.*

### Industry-Leading Scalability — up to 1PB in a Single File System

No different than any other complex enterprise, Government agencies face an ever-increasing need to collect, store and disseminate information in the easiest, most cost-effective way possible. Isilon IQ easily scales storage, unifying vital data into one file system, increasing the performance of applications, and reducing the time spent managing storage. Isilon IQ delivers industry-leading scalability — up to 96 nodes in a single cluster and up to 1 petabyte in a single file system.

### Performance For Multiple Environments — up to 10 GB/second

Isilon IQ is the first clustered storage system that can be seamlessly grown from four terabytes to one petabyte in a single file system and can scale up to 10 GB/second of throughput. The Isilon IQ clustered storage product line addresses a full spectrum of storage needs — from the highest performance Tier-1 applications to tier-2 nearline archive, disk-to-disk backup and disaster recovery. Isilon IQ is ideal for high throughput, highly concurrent government agency environments where clusters of Windows®, Unix, Linux® and/or Mac® OS X clients require fast read and write access to a large, shared pool of data.

### Reliability and Disaster Recovery

Isilon IQ simplifies backup or reduces the reliance on tape for any storage environment — from traditional data center backup to a regional failover site to the remote office — so critical government data always stays available. With Isilon's state of the art FlexProtect-AP, administrators can set data protection policies on the fly at the cluster, directory or file levels. With Isilon IQ, data is automatically protected across the entire cluster using all available resources. In the event of multiple drive or node malfunctions — up to four simultaneous node failures — N+4 protection ensures that all data remains 100% available.

### Easy To Use, Easy To Manage

Isilon IQ clustered storage unifies vast libraries of data into one easily scalable, easily accessible shared pool of data. Isilon IQ dramatically reduces the time and resources required to manage data — allowing agencies to refocus vital resources towards interpreting the data and delivering results. With Isilon IQ clustering, one person can now manage petabytes of data — representing an incredible leap in efficiency.

### Easy To Grow, Easy To Own

Powered by OneFS, the Isilon IQ family of products creates a single pool of expandable storage that is easy to install and grow. Once racked, a 10, 50 or 100+ terabyte cluster takes less than 10 minutes to configure and set up, and capacity can be added on the fly in less than 60 seconds with no downtime — enabling agencies to quickly adapt to new demands and unexpected emergencies. Isilon IQ enables agencies to maximize their budgets by easily expanding storage on a modular "pay as you grow" basis.

### Breakthroughs Begin With Isilon

The Isilon product line is comprised of the Isilon IQ 200, 1920, 3000 and 6000 platform nodes, the Isilon EX 6000 and Isilon IQ Accelerator extension nodes, and licensable software applications such as SyncIQ®, SnapshotIQ™, MigrationIQ™ and SmartConnect™. This set of flexible and innovative products define new industry standards by delivering a single file system that scales to one petabyte of capacity, up to 10 GB/second of throughput and supports high-performance InfiniBand® for low-latency, high-bandwidth intracluster communication — providing Government agencies with the power to transform their critical digital assets into breakthroughs.

## Customer Success



NASA's World Wind project is an online application that lets site users zoom from satellite altitude into any place on Earth. Leveraging Landsat satellite imagery and Shuttle Radar Topography Mission data, World Wind lets users experience Earth terrain in visually rich 3D. With Isilon IQ, NASA World Wind consolidated its massive collection of Landsat 7 satellite images into one, single global namespace, simplifying its workflow and enabling immediate, 24x7 access for fast, online delivery.

*"By using a vast collection of processed satellite imagery, NASA World Wind enables anyone with Internet access to experience anyplace on Earth as if they were really there. To ensure that our online user's experience is seamless and compelling, we require storage that delivers high concurrent performance for processing the raw satellite data, as well as immediate, reliable access for fast online delivery."*

*Patrick Hogan, Project Manager, NASA World Wind*



The San Bernardino County Recorder is leading the way for a digital government by making records available at the click of a mouse almost immediately after their filing with the Recorder's Office.

*"Isilon IQ serves as the primary storage repository for all land title, birth, marriage, and death records for the entire county. The system effortlessly integrated with our FileNet document management system, and its clustered architecture and SyncIQ™ replication software provide a high degree of reliability and scalability."*

*Patrick Honny, Departmental Information Systems Manager for the County of San Bernardino Auditor-Controller/Recorder's Office*



HiRISE, currently orbiting Mars onboard NASA's Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter (MRO), is an advanced digital imaging project led by the University of Arizona. HiRISE is focused on collecting groundbreaking, high-resolution images of Mars' terrain to deepen scientists' understanding of the planet's evolution, and assist in planning future Mars missions and landings. With Isilon IQ, the USGS Astrogeology Research Program is able to efficiently and cost-effectively consolidate all its HiRISE images — with file sizes often exceeding 2 GB — into one, single global namespace and file system.

*"The digital images we are able to capture with HiRISE are unique in their incredibly high resolution and complexity, thereby creating visual depictions of Mars much greater in detail — and file size — than ever before. We found that only Isilon clustered storage was capable of cost-effectively and efficiently storing this type of digital imaging data, as it delivers the unparalleled scalability of capacity and performance we require to store, process and analyze our valuable imagery of Mars and its terrain."*

*Chris Bradshaw, Senior Engineer, United States Geological Survey (USGS) Research Program*

### Isilon IQ Clustered Storage

The Isilon IQ family of clustered storage systems was designed from the ground up to meet the needs of data-intensive enterprises and high-performance computing environments. By combining Isilon's OneFS® operating system software with the latest advances in industry-standard hardware, Isilon delivers modular, pay-as-you-grow, enterprise-class clustered storage systems.

- Powered by OneFS® Operating System Software, distributed file system creates a single, shared global namespace
- First and only truly symmetrical clustered storage architecture
- System can scale from 4TB-1PB in a single file system
- Unmatched aggregate throughput from a single file system with up to 10 GB/second
- TrueScale™ enables linear and independent scaling of both capacity and performance
- Industry leading high availability for clustered storage systems
- Powerful, easy-to-use web-based management
- 60-second scaling of both capacity and performance
- Built-in automatic application/client connection load balancing
- Industry-standard protocol support (NFS, CIFS, HTTP, FTP, NDMP, SNMP, LDAP, ADS, NIS)

Isilon also offers a robust suite of clustered storage software applications that optimize data protection and management:

#### SyncIQ®

Enterprises increasingly need to distribute large, mission-critical data sets to multiple shared storage systems and teams in multiple locations. SyncIQ replication software is the industry's only policy-based file replication system designed exclusively for clustered storage, combining a rich set of policies for creating and scheduling storage replication jobs with innovative bandwidth throttling and cluster utilization capabilities.

#### SnapshotIQ™

Isilon® Systems introduces a true breakthrough in snapshot technology that provides a uniquely simple, scalable and flexible way to enable enterprise-class protection and user-driven data recovery for clustered storage. With the ability to support an unlimited number of snapshots within a highly-scalable single pool of clustered storage and up to 1,024 snapshots within any single directory, SnapshotIQ represents a significant advancement over traditional snapshot technology.

#### MigrationIQ™

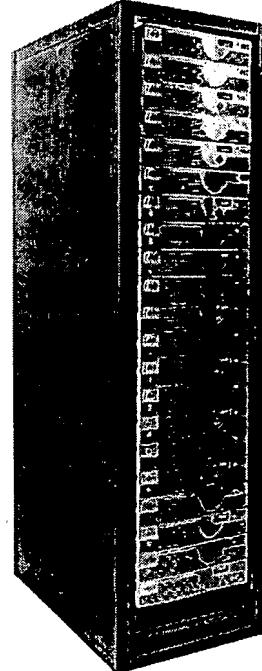
Isilon® Systems' exclusive MigrationIQ™ software application provides enterprises with the ability to automatically and easily migrate digital content between high-performance, Tier-1 clustered storage and high-capacity, Tier-2 nearline archive clustered storage, thereby streamlining workflows, optimizing storage resources and extracting maximum value from digital content assets at every point in the information lifecycle.

#### SmartConnect™

Isilon® Systems' exclusive SmartConnect software application allows IT Managers to meet the demands of an always-on, 24x7x365 world by ensuring the highest levels of performance and industry leading high availability. With intelligent client connection load balancing and failover support, SmartConnect represents a breakthrough in optimizing clustered storage performance and availability.

#### About Isilon Systems

Isilon Systems is the worldwide leader in clustered storage systems and software for digital content, enabling enterprises to transform data into information — and information into breakthroughs. Isilon's award-winning family of IQ clustered storage systems combines Isilon's OneFS operating system software with the latest advances in industry-standard hardware to deliver modular, pay-as-you-grow, enterprise-class storage systems. Isilon's clustered storage solutions speed access to critical business information while dramatically reducing the cost and complexity of storing it.



*The evolution of storage is clustered storage built on a powerful, open operating system with unique software that lets you pay-as-you-grow. Visit [www.isilon.com/contact](http://www.isilon.com/contact) to get started — and see why clustered storage is paying off for some of the biggest and most respected names in the world.*

## EXHIBIT 12



*How breakthroughs begin.*

## Press Release Archive

### Press Release

#### **Isilon Named Top Private Company for Leadership and Innovation in Digital Content Storage**

**SEATTLE - July 14, 2003** - Isilon Systems®, a provider of intelligent storage systems for digital content, today announced it was selected as a Top Private Company for 2003 by AlwaysOn™. Isilon was selected for the award based on its leadership and technology innovation, which is centered on the company's network storage product designed specifically for audio, video, images and other large files.

According to independent analyst Tom Coughlin, entertainment companies will spend roughly \$500 million on data storage in 2003, with a 70 percent increase each year. By 2006, annual storage needs of film studios, video and television production companies, and distribution outfits are expected to reach 740 petabytes.

AlwaysOn, the media company that covers innovation in technology and business, selected Isilon and other AlwaysOn winners with assistance from KPMG's emerging business practice, KPMG 1Start. The groups surveyed more than 1,000 venture investors, investment bankers, top entrepreneurs and executives, who nominated more than 700 companies for the competition.

The AlwaysOn companies were selected based on their innovation and demonstrated leadership among their peers in at least two areas: market traction measured by revenue or customer growth, and game-changing approaches and technologies that are likely to disrupt existing markets and entrenched players. The awards will be presented at a reception Tuesday, July 15, 2003 at AO2003: The Innovation Summit, which will be held at Stanford Law School on the Stanford University Campus, and feature industry luminaries including Tony Perkins, Esther Dyson, Guy Kawasaki and Andrew Seybold.

"From the success of Apple's iTunes music site to the promise of digital cinema, the intersection between entertainment and technology is undeniable," said Isilon co-founder and chief technology officer, Sujal Patel. "As evidenced by the prestigious AlwaysOn Award, Isilon has a tremendous opportunity to dramatically ease the transition media and entertainment companies face as they produce, archive and deliver greater amounts of digital content in more formats and through more distribution points."

#### **About AlwaysOn**

Founded by Tony Perkins, AlwaysOn (AO) is a media company dedicated to connecting global leaders and technology industry insiders whose ideas and innovations are shaping the always-on world. AO's founding premise is that consumers and businesses are demanding greater access to the Web for more convenience and productivity, and these demands are beginning to drive the next boom in high technology.

#### **About Isilon Systems**

Isilon provides intelligent storage systems that simplify the production, archiving and delivery of digital content. The Seattle-based company was founded in January 2001 and is financed by Sequoia Capital, Atlas Venture, and Madrona Venture Group. Isilon's initial product is currently in use by a number of high-profile customers in the media and entertainment, content delivery, and digital imaging markets. For more information, please visit <http://www.isilon.com>.

## EXHIBIT 13



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### Press Release

#### **ALWAYSON UNVEILS THE AO100 WINNERS HONORING THE BEST IN INNOVATION**

***The AO100 list showcases top innovative private companies demonstrating market traction and the ability to disrupt existing markets***

**PALO ALTO, Calif. – July 6, 2004** – AlwaysOn and KPMG LLP, the audit, tax and advisory firm, announced today the AO100 Top Private Companies for 2004. AlwaysOn editors compiled the second-annual elite AO100 list with assistance from KPMG's emerging business practice, KPMG 1Start. The two groups surveyed more than 1,000 venture investors, investment bankers, top entrepreneurs and executives, who nominated more than 700 companies to determine the AO100 winners.

All innovators in their given technology sectors, each of the AO100 winners demonstrate leadership among their peers in at least two areas: market traction measured by revenue or customer growth, and game-changing approaches and technologies that are likely to disrupt existing markets and entrenched players.

"Led by two of last year's winners, Google and Salesforce.com, the top private companies of the second generation of the Internet are now coming into focus," notes AlwaysOn Editor, Tony Perkins. "A total of 50 new companies were added to this year's list including many that are beginning to receive lots of media attention like Skype, Friendster, MySQL and Digital Chocolate."

The premise of the AO100 list occurred from the demand by consumers and businesses requiring new technologies for greater access to the Web and applications that provide more convenience and productivity. This increased demand is creating new opportunities for innovative new companies that are well positioned to bring about a change in the market.

According to Padraic Kelly, partner in charge of KPMG 1Start, "Many of these private companies said that they were beating their internal revenue projections for 2004. This may indicate that the IPO calendar for the second half of this year should be strong."

Fifty of last year's AO100 companies have returned to this year's top company list. Eighteen of last year's winners have either gone public, are currently in registration for their IPO, or were bought for a profit.

The AO100 Top Private AlwaysOn Companies by sector are as follows:

**Business Software**

Above All Software, Inc. [www.aboveallsoftware.com](http://www.aboveallsoftware.com)  
Agitar Software, Inc. [www.agitar.com](http://www.agitar.com)  
Application Security, Inc. [www.appsecinc.com](http://www.appsecinc.com)  
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Blazent, Inc. [www.blazent.com](http://www.blazent.com)  
Cast Iron Systems [www.castironsys.com](http://www.castironsys.com)  
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WholeSecurity [www.wholesecurity.com](http://www.wholesecurity.com)  
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ZettaCore [www.zettacore.com](http://www.zettacore.com)

**Media** AdSpace Networks [www.coolsign.com](http://www.coolsign.com)  
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**Services** AuctionDrop, Inc. [www.auctiondrop.com](http://www.auctiondrop.com)

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Homestead [www.homestead.com](http://www.homestead.com)

RackSpace [www.rackspace.com](http://www.rackspace.com)

Reactivity, Inc. [www.reactivity.com](http://www.reactivity.com)

Revenue Science, Inc [www.revenuescience.com](http://www.revenuescience.com)

The AO100 companies will be honored at a reception during the upcoming AO2004: The Innovation Summit to be held July 13-15 at Frances C. Arrillaga Alumni Center on the Stanford University Campus. This event is being produced in partnership with the Stanford Technology Ventures Program.

A limited amount of tickets for AO2004 are still available. Those interested in buying tickets can register themselves on the web, or contact Kathy Osweiler at 415-751-0170 or at [kathy@alwayson-network.com](mailto:kathy@alwayson-network.com)

A current look at the Innovation Summit can be viewed on Tony's Blog.

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#### **About AlwaysOn**

AlwaysOn (AO) is an "open source media company" dedicated to connecting global leaders and technology industry insiders whose ideas and innovations are shaping the always-on world.

Founded in January of 2003, AO is the first and only media brand to combine participatory journalism (blogging), with a powerful social network. the AO Zaibatsu. AO believes that individuals and businesses will increasingly use interactive media applications to "step over the head of the media" and communicate directly to customers, suppliers and employees.

AlwaysOn, LLC, is a privately held and virtually headquartered company born out of the heart of Silicon Valley.

#### **About KPMG**

KPMG LLP is the audit, tax and advisory firm that has maintained a continuous commitment throughout its history to providing leadership, integrity and quality. The Big Four firm with the strongest growth record over the past decade, KPMG turns knowledge into value for the benefit of its clients, people, communities and the capital markets. Its professionals work together to provide clients access to global support, industry insights, and a multidisciplinary range of services. KPMG LLP ([www.us.kpmg.com](http://www.us.kpmg.com)) is the U.S. member firm of KPMG International. KPMG International's member firms have nearly 100,000 professionals, including 6,800 partners, in 148 countries.

## EXHIBIT 14



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## Press Release

### **Isilon Named an AlwaysOn Top 100 Private Company**

#### ***Intelligent Clustered Storage Provider Recognized for Market Innovation, Customer Adoption and Investor Appeal***

**SEATTLE, WA - JUNE 28, 2005**

Isilon Systems®, the premier provider of intelligent clustered storage, today announced that it has been chosen by AlwaysOn as one of the Top 100 Private Company award winners. Isilon was handpicked by the AlwaysOn editorial team based on a set of five criteria - innovation, market potential, customer adoption, media buzz and investor value creation.

The companies selected for AO100 came from a pool of more than 1,000 companies that were peer-nominated by leading venture capitalists, investment bankers and industry analysts. The AO100 consists of private companies at all stages of development, from early to late stage. Isilon, which was founded in January 2001 and began shipping product in October 2003, recently delivered the third generation of its award-winning Isilon IQ family of clustered storage systems and secured \$20 million in a fourth round of venture capital financing.

"The AO100 companies are shaping today's web-driven, connected environment," said Tony Perkins, founder and editor of AlwaysOn. "We were inundated with nominations from leading companies, many of which I hope will appear on our list next year. My congratulations to each AO100 winner - these are the companies which we predict will have the greatest market traction, strongest innovation and most game-changing approaches this year."

"Isilon has received recognition from thought leaders and influential organizations, such as AlwaysOn, because we have a strong value proposition and are addressing a growing market need in ways that clearly set us apart from the competition," said Steve Goldman, president and CEO of Isilon Systems. "Isilon has set the bar with our innovative clustered storage technologies that deliver unsurpassed economic benefits and results while freeing customers from the confines of traditional storage."

Isilon's newest family of clustered storage systems - the Isilon IQ 1920, 3000 and 4800 - is powered by the latest version of Isilon's award-winning OneFS™ distributed file system software. Isilon IQ is the first clustered storage system to offer low-latency InfiniBand for intracluster communication, scale to more than 150 terabytes of capacity and deliver up to three gigabytes/second of total throughput from a single file system.

Isilon, along with the other AO100 companies, will be honored at the AO2005: Innovation Summit at a VIP reception on July 19, 2005 at the Frances C. Arrillaga Alumni Center on the

Stanford University campus in Palo Alto, California.

### **About Isilon Systems**

Isilon is the premier provider of intelligent clustered storage systems. Isilon's award-winning family of Isilon IQ products consists of high-performance clustered storage systems that combine an intelligent distributed file system with modular industry-standard hardware to deliver unmatched simplicity and scalability. Isilon IQ was designed for digital content and use in data-intensive markets such as media and entertainment, digital imaging, life sciences, oil and gas and the Federal Government. The Seattle-based company is financed by Lehman Brothers Venture Partners, Sequoia Capital, Atlas Venture, Madrona Venture Group and Focus Ventures. For more information, please visit: <http://www.isilon.com>.

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## Press Release

### ISILON SYSTEMS NAMED TO ALWAYSON ONHOLLYWOOD 100

*Recognized for Innovation in Digital Media - Redefining the Way Entertainment is Created, Distributed and Experienced*

**SEATTLE - May 16, 2006** - Isilon® Systems, the leader in clustered storage, today announced that AlwaysOn has selected Isilon as one of its OnHollywood 100, honoring private companies that are redefining the way entertainment is created, distributed and experienced. Isilon Systems, chosen from hundreds of companies as a top innovator in the "Devices, Components, and Infrastructures" sector, was recognized for its innovation, market potential, customer adoption, media buzz, and investor value creation.

"We scoured hundreds of companies as we voted on the top emerging private technology companies," said Tony Perkins, founder and editor of AlwaysOn. "Selected are the companies we think are demonstrating significant market traction or pursuing game-changing technology. We expect these organizations to have a big impact for both Hollywood and Silicon Valley."

"The digital media revolution is driving the most profound change in the media and entertainment industry in the past fifty years," said Brett Goodwin, VP of Marketing & Business Development, Isilon Systems. "This award further validates Isilon's position as the leading provider of next generation storage for the media and entertainment industry."

Isilon recently announced that more than 70 leading media and entertainment companies have embraced Isilon IQ clustered storage to accelerate their digital media workflow and to capitalize on new business opportunities in digital media.

The AlwaysOn first annual OnHollywood 100 list features the top private companies in the digital media entertainment sector. In order to identify the selected one hundred organizations, AlwaysOn editors first teamed up with KPMG; Bridge Bank; Lewis PR; PayPal; and Manatt, Phelps & Philips to survey global influencers and industry insiders for an in-depth analysis of the digital media entertainment space. Next, the panel then turned its attention to the 600 global nominations received and evaluated the contenders on the criteria of innovation, market potential, customer adoption, media buzz, and investor value creation. Companies demonstrating extraordinary leadership amongst their peers were named to the OnHollywood 100.

Isilon and its Isilon IQ clustered storage systems have been recognized with numerous awards for key innovations which have advanced the storage industry by enabling customers to

efficiently store, manage and process their unstructured data and digital content with incredibly high levels of performance, ease of use and scalability that are simply not possible with traditional storage systems. With its clustered network architecture, single file system, ease of management, and self-healing and highly redundant operations, Isilon IQ delivers unmatched scalability, total aggregate throughput, reliability, ease of use and price-performance for a clustered storage system - scaling to more than 500 TB in a single file system while delivering 7 GB/s of total aggregate throughput - and sets the innovation bar in clustered storage.

A full list of all the OnHollywood 100 companies can be found on the AlwaysOn website at  
<http://www.alwayson-network.com/comments.php?id=12031>

Powered by OneFS® 4.0, Isilon IQ delivers the industry's first single file system that unifies and provides unprecedented access to the exploding stores of unstructured and file-based information, eradicating the cost and complexity barriers of traditional storage architectures currently constraining enterprises. Isilon's award-winning Isilon IQ family of clustered storage systems include Isilon IQ 1920, 3000, 4800, 6000, Accelerator and EX 6000.

#### **About Isilon Systems**

Isilon is the leader in clustered storage. Isilon's award-winning family of Isilon IQ products consists of high-performance clustered storage systems that combine an intelligent distributed file system with modular industry-standard hardware to deliver unmatched simplicity and scalability. Isilon IQ was designed for unstructured data and for use in data-intensive markets such as media and entertainment, digital imaging, life sciences, oil and gas and government. The Seattle-based company is financed by Lehman Brothers Venture Partners, Sequoia Capital, Atlas Venture, Madrona Venture Group and Focus Ventures. For more information, please visit: <http://www.isilon.com>.

#### **About AlwaysOn**

AlwaysOn is transforming the communication business with its online blogging network for technology, media and entertainment insiders, establishing it as a leader in the Open Media revolution. Borrowing from the underground traditions of blogging and social networking, AlwaysOn (<http://www.alwayson-network.com/>) was launched in 2003. Today, AO's annual Summit @ Stanford and OnHollywood events, print "blogazine" and online services encourage direct collaboration between global thought leaders and technology insiders. No other media brand has dared allow such openness amongst its readers and participants. AlwaysOn, LLC, is a privately held and virtually headquartered company born out of the heart of Silicon Valley.

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### Press Release

#### **ISILON IQ NAMED MOST PROMISING NEW TECHNOLOGY**

##### ***Isilon IQ Wins Award for Innovation and Excellence at the WSA 9th Annual Industry Achievement Awards***

**Seattle - February 27, 2004** - Isilon Systems®, the premier provider of intelligent clustered storage systems for digital content, today announced that its high performance storage system, Isilon IQ, was awarded the Most Promising New Technology by the WSA, Washington State's largest technology trade organization. Isilon IQ was selected because of its truly innovative, unique and disruptive technology, packaged in a breakthrough solution that addresses the challenges companies face in storing and managing exploding amounts of digital content.

The WSA awarded Isilon last night at the organization's 9th Annual Industry Achievement Awards ceremony, which celebrates companies that best demonstrate leadership and innovation in the technology sector. WSA President and CEO, Kathy Wilcox, said, "Isilon IQ is a disruptive technology at the forefront of the high-growth storage networking market. Isilon IQ was a natural fit for the award, as it fulfills a crucial and sizeable need in business today and takes an entirely new approach to address the huge wave of digitization that is going on everyday around us."

Storage required for digital content will grow seven-fold between 2003 and 2006 to more than 1.2 million terabytes - 1.2 billion gigabytes - therefore straining existing storage infrastructures and technologies designed primarily for text-based information. Audio, video, images, graphics and other large files have requirements for which traditional storage systems were not designed, as they consume large amounts of storage capacity, grow much faster than traditional data sets and require high throughput and often high concurrency. With Isilon IQ, companies no longer must retrofit traditional storage systems to attempt to handle digital content, but instead have a solution designed specifically for this explosion in the creation of digital files.

Isilon's award-winning Isilon IQ product is designed for data-intensive businesses and high performance computing environments, such as those in media and entertainment, digital imaging, life sciences, and oil and gas. Isilon IQ is already storing and managing more than 200 terabytes of some of the most valuable digital content being created today, including millions of digital photographs, thousands of hours of major motion pictures, television programming for broadcast and the Internet, newsroom graphics, digital music and millions of

other large files. Some of Isilon's customers include Paramount, Corbis, Technicolor, FotoKem and the Experience Music Project.

"We are off to a great start in 2004 and are honored that the WSA selected Isilon IQ as the most promising new technology," said Sujal Patel, Isilon founder and chief technology officer. "In addition to the power and simplicity of our technology, Isilon IQ delivers bottom-line business benefits to customers by significantly reducing their storage costs, increasing application productivity and enabling them to unlock new revenues from their digital content."

#### **About Isilon Systems**

Isilon is the premier provider of intelligent clustered storage systems for digital content. Isilon's initial product, Isilon IQ, is a high performance clustered storage system that combines an intelligent distributed file system with modular industry standard hardware to deliver unmatched simplicity and scalability. Isilon IQ was designed for digital content and large data-intensive markets, such as media and entertainment, digital imaging, life sciences and oil and gas. The Seattle-based company is financed by Sequoia Capital, Atlas Venture and Madrona Venture Group. For more information, visit <http://www.isilon.com>.

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### Press Release

#### **ISILON IQ AWARDED BEST ENTERPRISE CLASS STORAGE SYSTEM AT STORAGE VISIONS 2004**

**LAS VEGAS -- January 7, 2004** -- Isilon Systems®, the premier provider of intelligent clustered storage systems for digital content, announced today that its Isilon IQ high performance storage system was selected as "Best Enterprise Class System" at the 2004 Storage Visions® and Home Gateway Conference. In winning the award, Isilon IQ was selected over traditional and next generation enterprise class storage products.

Judges for the Storage Visions awards, which include industry analysts and executives, selected Isilon IQ for its cost-effective, building block solution to resolving a major issue in content creation and document management -- the exploding data storage problem as content is created and accessed throughout an organization. Isilon IQ also was recognized for delivering SAN-level performance with NAS-level simplicity, and unmatched ease of management among enterprise class storage systems.

Isilon IQ stands apart in the networked storage field for its OneFS™ intelligent distributed file system, single global namespace and focus on high growth, high throughput digital content applications. Isilon IQ was designed specifically for companies in such industries as film production, digital music, digital photography, media delivery, bio IT, and oil & gas exploration.

In conjunction with the International Consumer Electronics Show each year, the 2004 Storage Visions Conference focuses on the critical technologies, trends and market issues facing the digital entertainment industry. The awards were presented to companies advancing the state of the art in storage in the consumer electronics and media and entertainment industries, and to service firms that support those businesses.

"We are honored to be recognized by the industry as offering the best enterprise storage product for customers with significant amounts of digital content," said Steve Goldman, Isilon president and chief executive officer. "We strove to create a storage system that could scale and perform unlike any other, that created huge single shared file systems, and that delivered real economic benefits unseen in traditional storage systems from the major vendors. This new award shows that the industry recognizes our efforts and we look forward to continuing our strong momentum with the industry and with customers in 2004."

The 2004 Storage Visions conference introduced new trends and opportunities in content

creation and distribution, consumer electronics, portable storage devices, digital rights management, content archival solutions, and home media and entertainment devices. Isilon participated in the conference as a presenter as well, educating audience members on the unique challenges companies face in storing the exploding amounts of digital content, and how the move to clustered storage architectures, distributed file systems, and open systems can significantly cut costs and unlock new revenues from digital content.

#### **About Isilon Systems**

Isilon is the premier provider of intelligent clustered storage systems for digital content. Isilon's initial product, Isilon IQ, is a high performance clustered storage system that combines an intelligent distributed file system with modular industry standard hardware to deliver unmatched simplicity and scalability. Isilon IQ was designed for digital content and large data-intensive markets, such as media and entertainment, digital imaging, content delivery, bio IT and oil and gas. The Seattle-based company is financed by Sequoia Capital, Atlas Venture and Madrona Venture Group. For more information, visit <http://www.isilon.com>.

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### Press Release

#### **ISILON IQ WINS BEST OF SHOW PRODUCT AWARD AT NETWORLD+INTEROP 2004 TOKYO**

**SEATTLE, Wash. – July 6, 2004** – Isilon Systems®, the premier provider of intelligent clustered storage systems for digital content, announced today that Isilon IQ™, the company's high performance storage system, was awarded the Best of Show Product Award at the 11th annual NetWorld+Interop 2004 conference in Tokyo on June 30, 2004. Isilon received the award for the personal computers, servers, storage and peripherals category, and was selected out of a pool of more than 300 competing companies. This marks the fifth product award that Isilon has won for Isilon IQ so far this year. At NetWorld+Interop Tokyo, Isilon demonstrated the Isilon IQ 2250 storage system with Tokyo Electron (TEL), its recently announced distribution partner in Japan.

Part of MediaLive International, NetWorld+Interop is the leading destination for networking technology buyers and sellers. Each year, hundreds of exhibitors enter their products, services and solutions with the hope of being awarded the coveted Best of Show Award. The Best of Show Product Award is given to the most significant and promising products for each of the eight specified product categories.

"We consider it a great honor to receive the NetWorld+Interop Tokyo Best of Show Product Award for Isilon IQ," said Sujal Patel, Isilon founder and chief technology officer. "The significant customer response to our Isilon IQ storage system in Japan is very exciting, and we look forward to building on this momentum with our partner Tokyo Electron (TEL)."

#### **Isilon Product Offerings**

Part of the Isilon IQ Family, Isilon IQ 1440 & 2250 deliver up to 20 Gbps of total throughput from a single file system, offer unmatched simplicity and ease of management, and provide modular building blocks that create the industry's most scalable, fully distributed storage clusters. Additionally, Isilon recently announced its new SyncIQ™ replication software, which is the first product to provide file-level replication over the WAN or LAN and leverage the power of a distributed file system and clustered storage architecture.

#### **About Isilon Systems**

Isilon is the premier provider of intelligent clustered storage systems for digital content. Isilon's

award-winning product, Isilon IQ, is a high performance clustered storage system that combines an intelligent distributed file system with modular industry standard hardware to deliver unmatched simplicity and scalability. Isilon IQ was designed for digital content and large data-intensive markets, such as media and entertainment, digital imaging, life sciences, and oil and gas. The Seattle-based company is financed by Lehman Brothers Venture Partners, Sequoia Capital, Atlas Venture and Madrona Venture Group. For more information, visit <http://www.isilon.com>.

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## Press Release Archive

### Press Release

#### **ISILON IQ NAMED BEST COMPLETE STORAGE SYSTEM AT THE 2004 NETWORK STORAGE CONFERENCE**

**Seattle - March 11, 2004** - Isilon Systems®, the premier provider of intelligent clustered storage systems for digital content, today announced that Isilon IQ, the company's high performance storage system, was awarded Best Complete Storage System at the 10th annual Network Storage Conference in Monterey, Calif., March 9, 2004. Isilon was among four winners recognized for Best Product of the Year in storage networking, and selected from a pool of 54 nominated companies.

The Network Storage Conference, sponsored by Peripheral Concepts, Inc., is a major industry event dedicated to analyzing new architectural processes in network storage and storage management. For the Best Product of the Year Awards, influential storage industry experts from Aberdeen Group, Computer Technology Review Magazine, IBM, Sun Microsystems and Peripheral Concepts judged the awards and selected Isilon IQ over storage systems from Hitachi Data Systems and other vendors for its innovative clustered architecture and distributed file system.

"Isilon IQ is a perfect example of how storage has truly advanced, with Isilon delivering technologies focused on the explosive new category of storage for digital content," said Farid Neema, president of Peripheral Concepts, Inc. "In the Complete Storage System category, Isilon IQ won our award for best product of the year, and we expect to see continued technology leadership from them in the years to come."

Isilon's award-winning Isilon IQ product is designed for data-intensive businesses and high performance computing environments, such as those in media and entertainment, digital imaging, life sciences, and oil and gas. Isilon IQ delivers NAS-level simplicity with SAN-level performance for digital content environments, and is half the cost with more total throughput than competing storage systems. Isilon IQ is storing and managing hundreds of terabytes of some of the most valuable digital content being created today, including millions of digital photographs, thousands of hours of major motion pictures, television programming for broadcast and the Internet, newsroom graphics, digital music and millions of other large files. Some of Isilon's customers include Paramount, Corbis, FotoKem, Digital FilmWorks and the Experience Music Project.

"This Best Product of the Year Award is especially important for us, as our technology and

product strategy are recognized by some of the most influential thought leaders in the storage industry," said Sujal Patel, Isilon founder and chief technology officer. "This has been an incredible first quarter for Isilon, with three product awards for Isilon IQ and a rapidly growing customer base that has us exceeding our goals. We look forward to unveiling additional technology, customers and partner initiatives in the coming months."

#### **About Isilon Systems**

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## Press Release

### **ISILON SYSTEMS DEMONSTRATES MARKET MOMENTUM AND LEADERSHIP IN CLUSTERED STORAGE**

***New Enterprise Strategy Group eSeminar Series Underscores Isilon's Innovation and Leadership in Clustered Storage; Company Realizes Rapid Increase in Customer Adoption***

**SEATTLE, WA - October 24, 2005**

Isilon® Systems, the leader in clustered storage, today announced that Enterprise Strategy Group (ESG) unveiled the results of their lab tests of the Isilon IQ clustered storage system in their new ESG eSeminar series. ESG conducted three extensive tests with multiple product generations of Isilon IQ, engaged in discussions with several Isilon customers, and concluded that Isilon IQ meets ESG's four key criteria for the true, next-generation NAS storage solution: clustered network architecture, single file system, ease of management, and self-healing and highly redundant operations. Isilon IQ both meets those criteria and sets the innovation bar in clustered storage. The ESG eSeminar series featuring Isilon Systems can be viewed on Isilon's website at [www.isilon.com/float/?page=eSeminar\\_form](http://www.isilon.com/float/?page=eSeminar_form).

Isilon also announced today that the company has marked dramatic growth in its customer base with the shipment of more than two Petabytes of clustered storage in the last six months to a broad range of industry leading companies in manufacturing, healthcare and life sciences, oil and gas, media and entertainment, digital and document imaging, financial services and government.

"After running Isilon products through three rigorous lab tests and interviewing a wide range of Isilon customers, ESG determined that Isilon truly has the potential to be the next 'big thing' in the storage industry," said Tony Asaro, Senior Analyst and Lab Director, ESG. "Isilon IQ has that 'Aha!' factor. It is so much better than previous generations of storage products that it has the potential to become pervasive, much like when CD's made records obsolete."

"ESG is one of the few analyst firms that really understand products, technologies and the value they bring to customers and these test findings really validate Isilon's strategy and approach to clustered storage," said Brett Goodwin, VP of marketing and business development for Isilon Systems. "This eSeminar series is a great example of ESG's ability to develop new services that educate the market and powerfully convey important development in the storage industry. Isilon is thrilled that it was chosen to be featured in the debut edition of this new eSeminar series."

### **Clustered Network Storage Is Next Generation NAS**

ESG conducted extensive tests of three product generations of Isilon IQ and concluded that Isilon has met the four key criteria for the next generation NAS storage solution. These criteria are:

**Clustered Storage Architecture** - Isilon IQ is a true clustered storage system, composed of independent nodes that work together, allowing the utmost flexibility in growing data storage and significant performance advantages for concurrent access to data, ultimately accelerating workflow while increasing collaboration and productivity across the entire system.

**Single File System** - OneFS™ is Isilon's patent-pending distributed file system that provides the intelligence behind Isilon IQ. It combines the three layers of traditional storage architectures - file system, volume manager and RAID - into one unified software layer, creating a single intelligent file system and shared pool of storage that spans all nodes within a cluster. This single file system combines mission-critical reliability and high availability with state-of-the-art data protection to provide customers a complete clustered storage solution to meet their key business needs.

**Ease of Management** - Isilon IQ can be installed in an hour or less and additional capacity can be added in a minute or less, providing for easy management and seamless, incremental scaling based on storage requirements. The clustered storage system offers decreased complexity, reduced risks and a simplified management interface that significantly lowers total cost of ownership, enabling enterprise customers to directly manage 1000 terabytes as easily as one terabyte.

"ESG is willing to put a stake in the ground that Isilon IQ is the easiest storage system ESG has ever worked with," added Tony Asaro.

**Self-healing and highly redundant operations** - With Isilon IQ, data is automatically protected across the entire cluster using all available resources. Isilon OneFS distributed file system includes the unique FlexProtect-AP feature utilizing Reed Solomon "n+1 and n+2" ECC, parity striping and mirrored file striping (from 2x to 8x) that spans multiple nodes within a cluster - enabling customers to withstand the loss of multiple disks or nodes without losing access to any content. In the event of a drive or node failure, all data remains 100 percent available and is rebuilt to any free space throughout the cluster - capacity is not lost to designated "recovery drives" and failed drives can be rebuilt in as little as one hour.

Isilon recently announced the next generation of its award-winning Isilon IQ family of clustered storage systems - the Isilon IQ 1920, 3000 and 4800 - which are powered by the latest version of Isilon's award-winning OneFS distributed file system software and use high speed, low-latency InfiniBand for intracluster communication.

## **About Isilon Systems**

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such as media and entertainment, digital imaging, life sciences, oil and gas and government. The Seattle-based company is financed by Lehman Brothers Venture Partners, Sequoia Capital, Atlas Venture, Madrona Venture Group and Focus Ventures. For more information, please visit: <http://www.isilon.com>.

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## EXHIBIT 21



## Isilon TrueScale: The Clustered Revolution is Upon Us

Date: March 2006

Author: Tony Asaro, Senior Analyst

**Abstract:** Isilon TrueScale is a revolutionary approach to storage that leverages Isilon's best-in-class clustering technology, ease of use, and protection capabilities. Additionally, with three different types of nodes to choose from, including the Isilon IQ nodes, Accelerator IQ, and new EX nodes, the Isilon TrueScale clustering architecture adds value that is truly unique in the industry.

Isilon has been touting storage clustering and the ensuing revolution over traditional storage systems, with good reason. Isilon has built a very strong business that is growing rapidly. Additionally, when Isilon runs into the major incumbent storage companies, they rarely lose. That is because Isilon actually does have a solution that stands apart from traditional storage system products. At the core of its value, and the reason customers buy their products over the competition, is the unique and compelling Isilon TrueScale clustering.

Storage clustering is a term that a number of storage vendors use today. However, Isilon clustering provides extreme value and flexibility that offers a new approach to storage. Isilon TrueScale consists of the following key elements:

- Isilon provides a cache coherent cluster. Regardless of how many physical nodes are in a cluster, it is one logical device. This means that no matter how big the cluster gets, it remains easy to manage. ESG has spoken with one of Isilon's larger customers, who have grown their storage from 100 TB to 1000 TB without needing to add any additional staff to manage the Isilon TrueScale storage cluster. And because the Isilon cluster is a single logical device, all of the hardware resources are aggregated and can scale to a massively parallel system.
- But not everyone needs a massively parallel system. Isilon starts out with 3 nodes. Additional nodes can then be added in increments of one. This enables you to grow as needed. The beauty of the Isilon TrueScale cluster is that it provides lots of head room to grow without having to pay up front. You can grow as needed and pay as you grow.
- ESG Lab has performed hands-on analysis of Isilon IQ and we were impressed with how easy it is to add nodes. It is a simple process that takes less than a minute to perform. When you add the new node to the network, the Isilon IQ console asks if you want to add the node. When you say yes, the node is simply added. That's it. It's a transparent process that doesn't impact users and it's done completely online with no downtime.
- Once you add the new node, data is re-distributed to that node so that data is load balanced equally throughout the entire cluster. This enables true scalability, load balancing the data across the cluster and leveraging all of the Isilon IQ hardware resources equally.
- Isilon SmartConnect technology provides intelligence that acts as a traffic cop, directing read and write requests to the node that will respond fastest. This is especially important during peak traffic times.

One of the more recently implemented and most important aspects of Isilon TrueScale is that it provides support for different types of nodes that you can add to the cluster based on the needs of your business.

### Isilon IQ Nodes

Isilon IQ is an all-in-one appliance that comes in a minimum 3-node cluster. Each Isilon IQ node contains CPU, memory, host ports, and disk drives. All of the physical Isilon IQ nodes act as a single logical system. Although there are three physical nodes in a cluster, it is all managed as a single system. Additional Isilon IQ nodes can be added in increments of one or more at a time. Even as more nodes are added to the cluster, it still remains one logical system to manage, regardless of the number of nodes added. Some Isilon IQ clusters contain over 50 nodes in a single cluster, and they are essentially just as easy to manage as a 3-node Isilon IQ cluster. With the release of OneFS 4.0 with TrueScale, Isilon can now scale a single cluster to 88 nodes, creating a 528TB single file system.

The Isilon IQ nodes provide an excellent balance of performance and capacity. Since the Isilon IQ nodes come with CPU, memory, host ports, and disk drives, performance scales in near linear fashion as more nodes are added to the cluster.

#### Accelerator IQ Nodes

However, what if you want to increase performance so that you can add more streams, users, and applications, but don't need more capacity? Some applications require more CPU, cache memory, and host ports to improve performance but don't require additional storage capacity. To improve the performance of these programs, you can install Accelerator nodes to the TrueScale cluster. In this way, you can add more performance and resources to the cluster without having to add more capacity.

It is important to understand the value of this capability, which is unique to the Isilon solution. Because of the Isilon true cluster technology - a cache coherent system with load balancing - users can easily add performance elements, in the form of Accelerator IQ nodes. The Accelerator IQ node simply gets joined to the cluster and immediately goes to work improving performance. It takes about 15 seconds to join to the cluster and instantly adds value without taking applications off-line and with very little administrative effort.

The value of being able to add performance this simply and inexpensively without having to add capacity provides companies with the flexibility to easily keep pace with the needs of their business. If they need more performance and no additional capacity, they can just add an Accelerator IQ node.

#### EX 6000 Nodes

But what if you had a reverse requirement? What if you had plenty of performance but just needed more capacity? You could add more Isilon IQ nodes but you would then be paying for the additional and unnecessary CPU, memory, and bandwidth of each node along with the capacity. EX 6000 nodes provide additional capacity only, allowing companies to scale to 100s of TBs in a single cluster. This enables customers to build Isilon clusters with lots of capacity cost efficiently.

All of the various Isilon nodes, including the Isilon IQ, Accelerator IQ, and EX 6000 nodes can be combined in a single cluster, providing the flexibility to add performance and capacity as needed.

We have become accustomed to using different storage systems for different applications. High performance tiers of storage typically are priced at a premium. On the other hand, online digital archiving is lower cost and requires lots of capacity. Isilon TrueScale challenges this old model by instead providing a single solution that offers various levels of performance with matching price points. In this way, Isilon IQ meets the needs of high performance computing and digital archiving, two applications on different sides of the spectrum.

Isilon is known for its scalable performance and its ability to meet the needs of throughput-intensive applications with lots of concurrent access. Isilon provides a massively scalable storage system with cache coherency that aggregates hardware resources to provide near linear performance scalability. At the same time, Isilon also provides a low cost solution that is easy to manage. In fact, it is the easiest storage system ESG has ever tested. Currently many customers use Isilon for both high performance applications and dense digital archives since it meets the cost and ease of use requirements for both applications. With the support of Accelerator IQ nodes for performance and EX 6000 nodes for capacity, Isilon provides even greater value.

#### ESG's View

Isilon provides an innovative, compelling, high performance, and cost effective storage cluster that is extremely easy to manage, regardless of the size of the cluster or the amount of capacity or data stored on it. Isilon provides a truly unique clustered solution that effectively changes the way we store data and creates a leap in efficiency and value.

However, it is important to understand that the Isilon solution is not about having a one size fits all approach. In fact, it's quite the opposite. It is about right-sizing the storage system to meet your needs. It is about dynamically growing, changing, adding, moving, and scaling to meet the needs of your business. And Isilon accomplishes this transparently and easily. This is a new concept and traditional storage systems are incapable of supporting it. Right-sizing storage is at the heart of what Isilon TrueScale brings to the table. The clustered revolution is *now*.

## EXHIBIT 22



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## Press Release

### **ISILON LAUNCHES NEXT GENERATION SOFTWARE FOR CLUSTERED STORAGE; ENABLING ENTERPRISES TO TRANSFORM INFORMATION INTO BREAKTHROUGHS**

*New OneFS 4.5 Operating System Software Delivers Only Single File System to Reach One Petabyte of Capacity and 10 Gigabytes Per Second of Performance*

*New Suite of Data Protection and Management Software Applications Delivers Industry's First Enterprise-Ready Clustered Storage Solution*

**SEATTLE, WA - October 9, 2006** - In its pursuit to enable enterprises to transform vast and rapidly growing stores of digital content into business breakthroughs, Isilon® Systems, the leader in clustered storage, today announced the release of its next-generation Isilon IQ clustered storage software. With the release of its OneFS® 4.5 operating system software, Isilon ushers a number of innovations into the storage market, including the industry's first clustered storage system to deliver one Petabyte of capacity and 10 Gigabytes per second of performance in a single file system and single volume. Isilon today also announced the release of a robust suite of applications, including the new SnapshotIQ and SmartConnect software (see separate release), providing customers with the first enterprise-ready, clustered storage software applications to protect and manage digital content.

In conjunction with the launch of its new operating system software and applications, Isilon today also announced that Brigham Exploration, Clear Channel, DNA Productions, E! Networks, and Kelman Technologies are among Isilon customers who have already used these new solutions.

"In order to streamline our workflow and power our more than 1,100 radio station web sites on an around the clock basis, we absolutely require storage systems that deliver the highest levels of data performance and availability," said Greg Robinson, Solutions Architect, Clear Channel. "With the release of Isilon's new clustered storage system and application software, Isilon raises the bar on data storage performance and availability and provides us with a simple and cost-effective way to increase our productivity and better serve our audience."

"Fast growing, content-centric businesses that need to deploy and manage tens, hundred, and even thousands of Terabytes of storage capacity are emerging as one of the most important customer groups for storage solutions," said Richard Villars, Vice President of Storage Systems research at IDC. "Solutions like Isilon's clustered storage that deliver scalable, reliable and easy to manage solutions will make it easier for these companies to sustain their high levels of growth while rapidly launching new services."

Powered by OneFS 4.5, Isilon's next-generation clustered storage systems deliver a number of industry firsts to the enterprise storage market. Some of the benefits of these new capabilities include:

- **Scale to One Petabyte of Capacity**-OneFS 4.5 ushers in the industry's first storage system to scale capacity to more than one Petabyte in a single file system and single volume. This creates an ideal solution that enables enterprises to insert massive volumes of digital archive data back into the mainstream business workflow and maximize the value of this critical information.
- **Achieve 10 Gigabytes Per Second of Performance**-Isilon IQ is the only storage system that can deliver more than 10 GB/sec of aggregate performance from a single file system and single volume, speeding access to digital content and enabling multiple concurrent users to access and process files that can be megabytes, gigabytes or even terabytes in size.
- **Revolutionary Levels of Data Protection**-The new state-of-the-art FlexProtect-AP, featuring the storage industry's first implementation of N+3 and N+4 data protection, enables customers to withstand the loss of three or four simultaneous disks or nodes within very large clusters while maintaining 100 percent availability of all data. With N+3 and N+4, Isilon is providing customers with data protection that goes far beyond the capabilities of RAID 6 and RAID DP used by traditional storage systems.

"Isilon's value is in its software, starting with its OneFS distributed file system that now scales to a petabyte with up to 10 GB/sec performance, all within a single, logical storage system that is easy to manage," said Tony Asaro, senior analyst, Enterprise Strategy Group. "They keep adding new software functionality for load balancing, resource allocation and high availability. Their impressive snapshot technology will bring them into new markets and applications. ESG believes that Isilon epitomizes next generation storage."

"Underpinning Isilon's focus and innovations in clustered storage is a belief that storage is not a problem, but an opportunity to propel critical enterprise information back into the bloodstream of business, enabling enterprises to gain new insights and transform information into breakthroughs," said Sujal Patel, Founder and CTO, Isilon Systems. "With the release of these next-generation products, we provide customers with faster access to their rapidly growing stores of digital content, while dramatically reducing the cost and complexity of storing it."

Isilon IQ delivers the industry's first single file system that unifies and provides instant and ubiquitous access to the rapidly growing stores of digital content and unstructured data, eliminating the cost and complexity barriers of traditional storage architectures. OneFS 4.5 is a unified operating system software layer that powers all of Isilon's award-winning IQ family of clustered storage systems including the Isilon IQ 1920, 3000, 6000, Accelerator, and EX 6000.

## **About Isilon Systems**

Isilon Systems is the worldwide leader in clustered storage systems and software for digital content, enabling enterprises to transform data into information - and information into breakthroughs. Isilon's award-winning family of IQ clustered storage systems combines Isilon's

OneFS operating system software with the latest advances in industry-standard hardware to deliver modular, pay-as-you-grow, enterprise-class storage systems. Isilon's clustered storage solutions speed access to critical business information while dramatically reducing the cost and complexity of storing it. Information about Isilon can be found at <http://www.isilon.com>.

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## EXHIBIT 23



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## Press Release

### **ISILON IQ SELECTED AS A PRODUCT OF THE YEAR BY STORAGE MAGAZINE AND SEARCHSTORAGE.COM**

#### ***Seasoned Storage Industry Experts Recognize Isilon IQ Clustered Storage with Silver Award in the Category of Disk and Disk Subsystems***

**SEATTLE - February 13, 2006** - Isilon® Systems, the leader in clustered storage, today announced that TechTarget's *Searchstorage.com* and *Storage* magazine have judged Isilon IQ as one of the top storage products released to market in the publications' 2005 "Products of the Year Awards." Isilon IQ was awarded the silver award in the category of disk and disk subsystems. The panel of judges, including editors of *Storage* magazine and *SearchStorage.com*, industry analysts and storage end-users, selected Isilon IQ with among hundreds of companies who submitted award entries for its top-quality capabilities in the following categories: innovation, performance, functionality, value and ease of integration into existing environments.

"The judges were unequivocal in their praise for the system's performance, ease of scalability and, best of all, relatively low price per-terabyte. For high performance and easy expandability, Isilon IQ delivers in spades," according to the *Storage* magazine award review.

"Isilon is thrilled to be recognized by two of the premier storage publications in the industry," said Brett Goodwin, VP of Marketing & Business Development, Isilon Systems. "This award further validates Isilon's leadership in advancing the clustered storage market to address the exploding growth of unstructured and file-based enterprise information."

Isilon clustered storage systems have been recognized with numerous awards for key innovations which have advanced the storage industry by enabling customers to efficiently store, manage and process their unstructured data and digital content with incredibly high levels of performance, ease of use and scalability that are simply not possible with traditional storage systems. With its clustered network architecture, single file system, ease of management, and self-healing and highly redundant operations, Isilon IQ delivers unmatched scalability, total aggregate throughput, reliability, ease of use and price-performance for a clustered storage system - scaling to 250 TB in a single file system while delivering 6 GB/s of total aggregate throughput - and sets the innovation bar in clustered storage.

Isilon IQ is a true clustered storage system, composed of independent nodes that work together, allowing the utmost flexibility in growing data storage, and significant performance advantages for concurrent access to data, ultimately accelerating workflow while increasing

collaboration and productivity across the entire system. The intelligence behind this clustered storage system comes from OneFS™, Isilon's patent-pending distributed file system that combines the three layers of traditional storage architectures - file system, volume manager and RAID - into one unified software layer, creating a single intelligent file system and shared pool of storage that spans all nodes within a cluster. Isilon IQ offers decreased complexity, reduced risks, and a simplified management interface that significantly lowers total cost of ownership, enabling enterprise customers to directly manage 1000 terabytes as easily as one terabyte.

Isilon recently announced the next generation of its award-winning Isilon IQ family of clustered storage systems - the Isilon IQ 1920, 3000 and 4800 - which are powered by the latest version of Isilon's award-winning OneFS distributed file system software and use high speed, low-latency InfiniBand for intracluster communication.

## **About Isilon Systems**

Isilon is the leader in clustered storage. Isilon's award-winning family of Isilon IQ products consists of high-performance clustered storage systems that combine an intelligent distributed file system with modular industry-standard hardware to deliver unmatched simplicity and scalability. Isilon IQ was designed for unstructured data and for use in data-intensive markets such as media and entertainment, digital imaging, life sciences, oil and gas and government. The Seattle-based company is financed by Lehman Brothers Venture Partners, Sequoia Capital, Atlas Venture, Madrona Venture Group and Focus Ventures. For more information, please visit: <http://www.isilon.com>.

## **About SearchStorage.com**

TechTarget's SearchStorage.com is the No. 1 online destination for IT professionals charged with purchasing, implementing, and managing storage systems at the core of large- and medium-sized businesses. More than 300,000 storage-focused IT executives, managers, and staff rely on SearchStorage.com for the information they need to do their jobs.

SearchStorage.com content includes original editorial features, news, expert storage advice, Webcasts, and white papers. More information can be found at [www.searchstorage.com](http://www.searchstorage.com).

## **About TechTarget's Storage**

TechTarget's *Storage* is the only monthly publication that provides information technology (IT) executives, managers, and staff with in-depth analysis and forward-looking guidance on managing, storing, networking, and safeguarding the data at the core of large organizations. TechTarget distributes the magazine to a controlled, qualified circulation of 50,000 storage-focused IT professionals. *Storage* has received numerous awards, including the ASBPE Awards for Editorial Excellence and the Folio: Show "Ozzie" and "Eddie" Awards. In addition, the editorial staff of *Storage* has been named a finalist for the prestigious Jesse H. Neal Awards for Excellence in Business Journalism. More information is available at [www.storage magazine.com](http://www.storage magazine.com).

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## Press Release

### eWEEK NAMES ISILON SYSTEMS A WINNER OF ITS SIXTH ANNUAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS

*Leading Enterprise IT Publication Recognizes Isilon IQ Clustered Storage For Innovation and Impact on Advancing Enterprise IT*

**SEATTLE, WA - May 30, 2006** - Isilon® Systems, the leader in clustered storage, today announced that **eWEEK**, a Ziff Davis Media publication and one of the industry's leading enterprise IT magazines, has named Isilon IQ clustered storage as a winner in **eWEEK's Sixth Annual Excellence Awards** program. Isilon IQ, powered by Isilon's OneFS® distributed file system, was recognized in the Enterprise Storage Hardware category. Isilon IQ delivers a record 528 Terabytes of capacity and more than seven Gigabytes per second of performance in one, single file system. An Excellence Awards special report - providing details on the winning products and their value to the enterprise - will appear in the June 19th issue of **eWEEK** and online at [eWEEK.com](http://eWEEK.com).

"New technology creates opportunities for vendors to react proficiently to the rapidly evolving demands placed on enterprise IT managers," said Eric Lundquist, Editorial Director. "eWEEK is proud to offer our readers solid recommendations for new innovative products that respond to these increasingly complex demands."

"As the massive growth of digital content and unstructured data continues to transform enterprise business in an increasingly horizontal manner, leading companies in industries as diverse as life sciences, document management, oil and gas, and media and entertainment are turning to clustered storage to address their storage needs," said Brett Goodwin, VP of Marketing & Business Development, Isilon Systems. "Isilon is honored to be recognized by eWEEK with this prestigious award and accepts it as additional proof that clustered storage is a major new category that is transforming how enterprises store, access and deliver their mission critical data."

The **eWEEK** Excellence Awards program provides enterprise professionals with a comprehensive benchmark for assessing a wide range of technology products and services. Evaluating the entries is a panel of experts including **eWEEK** Labs analysts and **eWEEK** Corporate Partners - senior enterprise IT professionals who act as reader representatives.

Isilon and its Isilon IQ clustered storage systems have been recognized with numerous awards for key innovations which have advanced the storage industry by enabling customers to efficiently store, manage and process their unstructured data and digital content with incredibly high levels of performance, ease of use and scalability that are simply not possible with

traditional storage systems. With its clustered network architecture, single file system, ease of management, and self-healing and highly redundant operations, Isilon IQ delivers unmatched scalability, total aggregate throughput, reliability, ease of use and price-performance for a clustered storage system and sets the innovation bar in clustered storage.

Powered by OneFS 4.0, Isilon IQ delivers the industry's first single file system that unifies and provides unprecedented access to the exploding stores of unstructured and file-based information, eradicating the cost and complexity barriers of traditional storage architectures currently constraining enterprises. Isilon's award-winning Isilon IQ family of clustered storage systems include Isilon IQ 1920, 3000, 4800, 6000, Accelerator and EX 6000.

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#### **About Ziff Davis Media Inc.**

Ziff Davis Media is a leading integrated media company serving the technology and videogame markets. The Company is an information services provider of technology media including publications, websites, conferences, events, eSeminars, eNewsletters, custom publishing, list rentals, research and market intelligence. In the United States, the Company publishes 7 magazines including PC Magazine, eWEEK, CIO Insight, Baseline, Electronic Gaming Monthly, Computer Gaming World and Official U.S. PlayStation Magazine. The Company exports the power of its brands internationally, with publications in 48 countries and 19 languages. Ziff Davis leverages its content on the Internet with a network of highly-targeted technology and gaming sites including PCMag.com, eWEEK.com, ExtremeTech.com and 1UP.com. The Company also produces highly-targeted b-to-b and consumer technology events including DigitalLife. With its main headquarters and PC Magazine Labs based in New York, Ziff Davis Media also has offices and lab facilities in the San Francisco and Boston markets. Additional information is available at [www.ziffdavis.com](http://www.ziffdavis.com).

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## Press Release

### **ISILON SYSTEMS SELECTED AS ONE OF BIO-IT WORLD'S BIO-IT 50**

*Premier Business-to-Business Healthcare and Life Sciences Publication Recognizes Isilon Systems for Advancing Biomedical Research and Drug Discovery*

**SEATTLE, WA - May 16, 2006** - Isilon® Systems, the leader in clustered storage, today announced that *Bio-IT World* selected Isilon as one of its Bio-IT 50, honoring the 50 companies with the most indispensable and enabling technologies for the life sciences field. Isilon was selected from hundreds of nominations by *Bio-IT World's* editors as one of the companies leading the continued drive to further biomedical research and drug discovery.

"Bio-IT World's Bio-IT 50 recognizes the advances being made by today's technology providers in the fields of bio- and health-IT, and the contributions their products and services make to biomedical research and drug discovery," said Kevin Davies, Ph.D. and editor-in-chief, *Bio-IT World*. "The contributions of all the companies on the elite list of 50, underscore the promise of continued advancement in bio-sciences through the use of information technology, informatics and life science technologies."

In the Bio-IT 50 editorial coverage, Isilon IQ was highlighted for its unparalleled ability to efficiently and cost-effectively store and manage, "the glut of experimental data and data analysis requirements that are causing many headaches," for leading healthcare and life sciences companies.

"As the laboratory moves into the data center, healthcare and life sciences companies are continually faced with the need to effectively store massive - and rapidly growing - amounts of unstructured data and digital content," said Brett Goodwin, VP of Marketing & Business Development, Isilon Systems. "We are honored to be selected as one of the Bio-IT 50 and this prestigious award serves as additional validation that Isilon IQ is a game-changing technology in the push to further biomedical research and drug discovery."

Cedars-Sinai Medical Center's Louis Warschaw Prostate Cancer Center is among Isilon's publicly announced healthcare and life sciences customers who have deployed Isilon IQ to dramatically reduce their storage costs while streamlining their workflows to increase productivity and advance their important medical research. Cedars-Sinai researchers use Isilon IQ in combination with high performance computing clusters to sort through, analyze and correlate its proteomic and clinical data to aid in the development of drug therapies and to apply current drugs to the patients who will benefit most. With its clustered network architecture, single file system, ease of management, and self-healing and highly redundant operations, Isilon IQ

delivers unmatched scalability, total aggregate throughput, reliability, ease of use and price-performance for a clustered storage system - scaling to more than 500 TB in a single file system while delivering 7 GB/s of total aggregate throughput - and sets the innovation bar in clustered storage.

A complete list of the Bio-IT 50 is available at <http://www.bio-itworld.com/issues/2006/march/cover-story-bioit-50>

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#### **About Bio-IT World**

Bio-IT World publishes information across a variety of media to meet the needs of bio-IT, life sciences, healthcare, pharmaceutical and regulatory professionals. Founded by IDG (International Data Group), Bio-IT World was recently acquired by Cambridge Healthtech Institute. Bio-IT World magazine and its accompanying website, [www.bio-itworld.com](http://www.bio-itworld.com), deliver the latest news, analysis and information on the application of technology products and services to enable the life sciences R&D value chain -- spanning basic research, drug discovery and development, clinical trials, and regulatory compliance. Established in September 2001, Bio-IT World, Inc., is headquartered in Framingham, Mass.

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## Press Release

### Isilon Named Best of Show at Bio-IT World 2007

*Editors of Leading Life Sciences Publication Select Isilon IQ for Exceptional Technology Innovation*

**SEATTLE, WA - May 3, 2007** - Isilon® Systems (Nasdaq: ISLN), the leader in clustered storage, today announced that Isilon IQ was named "Best of Show" at Bio-IT World Conference and Expo in the event's Information Technology (IT) Infrastructure category. The Bio-IT World "Best of Show" Awards, selected by *Bio-IT World* magazine editors and leading industry experts, spotlight new products that demonstrate exceptional technology innovation across the life sciences research, discovery, and clinical trials process.

"Selected by prominent judges with years of experience in the bio-science fields, the Bio-IT World Conference & Expo's Best of Show Awards winners consist of products within IT, informatics and life science technologies that demonstrate innovation and leadership in their respective markets," said John Russell, executive editor, *Bio-IT World*. "These awards recognize the products that are fueling tomorrow's discoveries."

"As life sciences and drug discovery move out of the Petri dish and into the datacenter, innovations in information technology are dramatically accelerating the discovery process and enabling scientific breakthroughs on an unprecedented scale," said Brett Goodwin, VP of Marketing & Business Development, Isilon Systems. "In this era of research and discovery, data literally serves as the lifeblood of scientific advancement and Isilon's clustered storage solutions enable leading life science organizations to transform this data into breakthroughs."

Life sciences leaders like Cedars-Sinai Prostate Cancer Center, UCLA's Laboratory of Neuro Imaging (LONI) and the Austin Radiological Association are using Isilon IQ clustered storage to create breakthroughs in prostate cancer research, neuro imaging and breast cancer research, respectively. Specifically, Cedars-Sinai is using Isilon IQ as a centralized, highly reliable, easily managed and highly scalable storage architecture to support its leading-edge cancer research initiatives. Meanwhile, UCLA LONI deployed Isilon to store the world's largest repository of high resolution neuro imaging data. Finally, Austin Radiological Association selected Isilon IQ to serve as the foundation of a PACS (Picture Archiving Communications System) designed to detect and combat breast cancer, which will soon contain more than 80,000 diagnostic images, each reaching sizes in excess of 100 MB.

For more information on the Bio-IT World Conference and Expo and the "Best of Show" Awards, visit [www.Bio-ITWorldExpo.com](http://www.Bio-ITWorldExpo.com).

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### **About Bio-IT World**

Bio-IT World publishes critical information across a variety of media to meet the needs of bio-IT professionals. Coverage focuses on the range of tools and techniques, both computational and experimental, that increase the efficiency and success of drug discovery, development, and clinical trials.

Bio-IT World and accompanying website, [www.Bio-ITWorld.com](http://www.Bio-ITWorld.com), as well as content-specific e-newsletters (eCliniqua, Weekly Update, and Systems Biology) impact over a hundred thousand life science professionals every month. Established in September 2001, Bio-IT World has received more than 34 awards for editorial and design excellence.

### **About Cambridge Healthtech Institute**

Cambridge Healthtech Institute (CHI) is the industry leader offering the preeminent source of information to the leading researchers and business experts from top pharmaceutical, biotech and academic organizations. Delivering an assortment of resources such as events, reports, publications and e-newsletters, CHI portfolio of products includes Cambridge Healthtech Institute Events, Pharmaceutical Strategy Series, Insight Pharma Reports, Marketing Services, Bio-IT World Magazine and Cambridge Healthtech Institute Media Group, which delivers numerous research area specific e-newsletters.

Founded in 1992, Cambridge Healthtech Institute strives to develop quality information sources that provide valuable new insights and competing points of view while offering balanced coverage of the latest developments. Basic research related to commercial implications is covered, with heavy emphasis placed on end-user insights into new products and technology as well as coverage on the strategy behind the business. ([www.chicorporate.com](http://www.chicorporate.com))

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## Press Release

### ISILON NAMED BEST OF FOSE 2007

*Government Computer News Editors Select Isilon IQ for Top Honor in Storage Category at World's Largest Government Information Technology Event*

**SEATTLE, WA - March 23, 2007** - Isilon® Systems (Nasdaq: ISLN), the leader in clustered storage, today announced that Isilon IQ was named as "Best of FOSE 2007" in the event's storage award category. The GCN Best of FOSE Awards, selected by Government Computer News editors, highlight new and innovative technologies across a wide range of categories at the world's largest gathering of government IT professionals.

"The federal government spends more than \$75 billion annually on information technology, so industry pays close attention. This made choosing this year's Best of FOSE products very difficult," said Wyatt Kash, editor in chief of GCN. "The editors looked for product innovation particularly suited to the public sector, and we were not disappointed. Participating companies showcased new ways for government to operate more efficiently, safeguard our country and move our national agenda forward."

"We are seeing organizations in all branches of federal government - intelligence, defense and civilian - looking for a solution specifically designed for the huge influx of unstructured data and digital content, including satellite images, digital photos, video, audio, geospatial data and documents, which will enable them to accomplish key initiatives for the United States," said Brett Goodwin, VP of Marketing & Business Development, Isilon Systems. "Isilon is honored to be recognized by GCN's editors with this prestigious award and accepts the Best of FOSE award as additional proof that clustered storage is the major new category transforming how government organizations store, access and deliver their mission critical data."

More than 100 high technology companies submitted new products in the annual GCN Best of FOSE Awards program. Seventeen products from 16 companies including Advanced Micro Devices, Hewlett-Packard, Microsoft, Motorola, and Research In Motion's Blackberry received the distinguished award across a wide range of technology categories. The awards are judged by the GCN Lab staff and the technology editors of GCN and Washington Technology for outstanding technology advancement and innovation. For a detailed list of award recipients, visit [www.GCN.com](http://www.GCN.com)

Isilon recently announced that NASA World Wind and USGS Astrogeology are using Isilon IQ in advanced satellite imaging projects capturing ultra high resolution imagery of both Earth and Mars, respectively. Specifically, NASA is using Isilon IQ clustered storage to power World Wind,

an open source, virtual globe enabling online users to explore the Earth and its terrain through visually rich, high resolution 3D imagery. Meanwhile, USGS Astrogeology has selected Isilon IQ as the primary storage repository for High Resolution Imaging Science Experiment (HiRISE) data. HiRISE, currently orbiting Mars onboard NASA's Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter (MRO), is an advanced digital imaging project led by the University of Arizona.

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## Press Release

### Isilon Systems Named "Cool Vendor" by Leading Analyst Firm

*Vendors selected for the "Cool Vendor report" are Innovative, Impactful, and Intriguing*

**SEATTLE - March 5, 2007** - Isilon® Systems, the leader in clustered storage, today announced that Gartner Research evaluated Isilon as a "cool vendor" in its "Cool Vendors in Storage Systems" 2007 report, published on February 27, 2007, and authored by Pushan Rinnen, et al.

The Gartner report states: "Storage is playing an increasingly significant role in the overall IT cost, as more organizations are experiencing fast growth in storage capacity. How to manage storage in a more-cost-effective way has become a burning question for businesses of all sizes."

"We believe Gartner's analysis is recognition of Isilon as a 'cool vendor' in 2007 and is further validation of Isilon's mission to deliver clustered storage innovations which address the unique challenges associated with the rapid growth of digital content within enterprise computing," said Brett Goodwin, vice president of Marketing & Business Development, Isilon Systems.

"Isilon's clustered systems are designed from the ground up to efficiently and cost-effectively speed access to business-critical digital content and unstructured data, enabling enterprises to transform this information into meaningful breakthroughs for their customers and for their business."

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#### About Gartner's Cool Vendors Selection Process

Gartner's listing does not constitute an exhaustive list of vendors in any given technology area, but rather is designed to highlight interesting, new and innovative vendors, products and services. Gartner disclaims all warranties, expressed or implied, with respect to this research, including any warranties of merchantability or fitness of a particular purpose.

Gartner defines a cool vendor as a company that offers technologies or solutions that are: Innovative, enable users to do things they couldn't do before; Impactful, have, or will have, business impact (not just technology for the sake of technology); Intriguing, have caught Gartner's interest or curiosity in approximately the past six months.

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## EXHIBIT 29

Independent Claims as of Response filed herewith

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1. A distributed file storage system comprising:
  - a plurality of storage modules in communication with each other, said plurality of storage modules including:
    - a first storage module including a processing module;
    - a second storage module including a processing module;
    - a third storage module including a processing module; and
    - a fourth storage module including a processing module;
  - a file stored on the distributed file storage system;
  - a first file portion of the file comprising a first set of file data stored in the first storage module;
  - a second file portion of the file comprising a second set of file data stored in the second storage module, wherein the second set of file data is different from the first set of file data;
  - a first metadata to identify in part the location of the file, the first metadata stored on the first storage module, the second storage module, the third storage module, and the fourth storage module;
  - a second metadata, different at least in part from the first metadata, to supplement the first metadata in identifying the location of the file, the second metadata stored on at least one, but not all, of the first storage module, the second storage module, the third storage module, and the fourth storage module;
  - a switch module in communication with the set of storage modules, the switch module configured to receive a read request for the file stored on the distributed file storage system and to send the read request to any one of the plurality of storage modules;
  - each of the plurality of storage modules capable of using the first metadata to process the read request on behalf of the distributed file storage system; and

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an allocator module for distributing the first and second metadata and the file portions across the storage modules in a manner appropriate for the storage system and for each file.

62. A file based distributed storage system comprising:

several storage modules linked together, each of which is configured to handle read and write requests on behalf of the entire distributed storage system;

directory metadata configured to be used to identify the location of each file stored on the storage system, wherein the directory metadata is distributed across at least some of the several storage modules and more than one storage module must be used in order to locate a file;

an allocation module configured to allocate the directory metadata across the storage modules of the storage system as appropriate to optimize the functionality of the storage system.

67. A file based distributed storage system comprising:

several storage modules linked together, each of which is configured to handle read and write requests on behalf of the entire distributed storage system;

file metadata configured to be used to identify the location of data blocks comprising a file stored on the storage system, wherein the data blocks are distributed across at least some of the several storage modules and more than one storage module must be used in order to collect the file;

an allocation module configured to flexibly allocate the blocks and the file metadata across the storage modules of the storage system as appropriate to optimize the functionality of the storage system.

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DATA STORED THROUGHOUT THE SYSTEM**

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75. A file based distributed storage system comprising:  
several storage modules linked together, each of which is configured to handle  
read and write requests on behalf of the entire distributed storage system; and  
directory metadata necessary to identify the location of a file stored on the storage  
system, wherein the directory metadata is distributed across a subset of the several storage  
modules, each storage module in the subset storing a portion of the directory metadata  
that is different at least in part from portions stored on the other storage modules in the  
subset.